

**City Manager's Report****May 14, 2019 City Council Meeting****Prepared By: Melissa McConnell, Associate Civil Engineer****Item#: 8.8**

**Subject:** Adopt a Resolution approving Cooperative Agreement (03-0689) with California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) and Right-of-Way (R/W) phases of the Western Placerville Interchanges, Phase 2.2 – Eastbound On-Ramp (CIP #41918) project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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**Purpose:** The Western Placerville Interchanges (WPI) Phase 2.2 – Eastbound On-Ramp project will improve traffic operations and safety by constructing a new eastbound US Highway 50 on-ramp at Ray Lawyer Drive and minor intersection improvements to Forni Road and Ray Lawyer Drive to accommodate the new on-ramp.

**Background:** In January of 2018, the City submitted an application to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the eastbound on-ramp at Ray Lawyer Drive as part of the overall WPI project. This component of the overall WPI Project would complete the southwest quadrant of the project at Ray Lawyer Drive and Forni Road. The funding source is from the Local Partnership Program (LPP), a competitive funding source of Senate Bill 1 (also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act, "the gas tax"). In May of 2018, the CTC recommended, selected, and programmed \$1,070,000 of LPP funds for the construction phase of this project.

Since the City was notified of the recommendation and programming of the LPP funds, the project team has been working on scoping the project for immediate delivery. In the original application, it was presented that the new work associated with construction of the eastbound on-ramp could be delivered via contract change order to the existing contract of WPI Phase 2, currently under construction. In the application, significant cost savings were identified about delivering this portion of the project as a contract change order. Subsequent to the LPP funding programming, the City was notified by the CTC that this project would need to be delivered as a stand-alone project. The City, along with El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) and Caltrans as project partners, is moving forward with delivery of the standalone project.

**Discussion:** As part of the requirements per the California Streets and Highways Code, the City of Placerville must enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans in order to administer a project on the State Highway System. The Cooperative Agreement addresses each party's roles and responsibilities related to the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) and Right-of-Way

phases of WPI Phase 2.2. This agreement will allow the City to move forward with design with review efforts by Caltrans as part of the project approval process.

**Cost:** There is no cost associated with the Cooperative Agreement.

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Options:**

1. Approve the Cooperative Agreement for the City to administer the project on the State Highway System.
2. Do not approve the agreement.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: Approving Cooperative Agreement (03-0689) with California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) and Right-of-Way (R/W) phases of the Western Placerville Interchanges, Phase 2.2 – Eastbound On-Ramp (CIP #41918) project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.



Rebecca Neves, City Engineer



M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit