
BUSINESS ITEM**STAFF REPORT**

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2009
TO: EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: KATHRYN MATHEWS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA)
TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY
(TIGER) GRANT – US 50 HOV LANE EXTENSION

REQUESTED ACTION

By motion, adopt Resolution 09/10.03 supporting the US 50 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension Phases 2A and 2B American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant application.

BACKGROUND

The US Department of Transportation announced a Notice of Funding Availability for Supplemental Discretionary Grants for Capital Investments in Surface Transportation Infrastructure under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants are due to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation by September 15, 2009. In an effort to submit a California consensus, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested that discretionary grant applicant agencies also submit TIGER applications to Caltrans for potential inclusion in a statewide list of TIGER projects to be endorsed by the Governor.

The amount of ARRA TIGER discretionary grant funding nationwide is \$1.5 billion. The Recovery Act specifies that grants funded under the TIGER program may be no less than \$20 million and no greater than \$300 million; however, the US Department of Transportation has discretion to waive the \$20 million minimum. No more than 20 percent of the funds made available under this program, or \$300 million, may be awarded to projects in a single State.

The ARRA TIGER discretionary grant guidance states that the US Department of Transportation must take measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural communities. TIGER Discretionary Grants may be used for up to 100 percent of project costs, but priority must be given to projects for which Federal funding is required to complete an overall financing package that includes non-Federal sources of funds. Further, priority must also be given to projects that can be completed by February 17, 2012.

DISCUSSION

The El Dorado County Department of Transportation, in collaboration with EDCTC and Caltrans, has nominated the US 50 HOV Lane Extension, Phases 2A (Bass Lake to Cameron Park Drive) and 2B (Cameron Park Drive to Ponderosa Road) for ARRA TIGER discretionary grant funding. Design and Environmental Documentation are complete (CEQA MND and NEPA FONSI certified June, 2002), Right of Way is cleared, and no permits are required. Phase 2A can be under construction within five months of authorization and will take approximately 18-24 months to complete. Phase 2B could start construction in the Fall of 2010 following completion of the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase, which is currently underway and scheduled to be complete in Spring of 2010.

The sources and uses of all project funds, including ARRA TIGER funding and local funding, is displayed in the following table:

	TIGER funds (requested)	State Funds (source)	State Funds (source)	Federal Funds (source)	Federal Funds (source)	Local Funds (source)	Local Funds (source)	Total Funds
Project Approval/ Environmental Document								
Plans, Specifications & Estimate						\$112,000	\$2,150,000	\$2,262,000
Right of Way (capital and support)							\$2,869,000	\$2,869,000
Construction (capital and support)	\$20,000,000						\$29,620,000	\$49,620,000
TOTALS:	\$20,000,000							\$54,751,000

The Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of El Dorado and Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, executed September 28, 2006, commits the Miwok Tribe to provide an annual funding stream in the amount of \$5.2 million for 20 years, beginning in December 2009, to the County of El Dorado for transportation infrastructure improvements along the US 50 Corridor between Bass Lake Road and Ponderosa Road. If the US 50 HOV Lane project is selected for ARRA TIGER discretionary grant funding, the County plans to sell bonds against the secure tribe funding commitment. The County's Traffic Impact Fee Program (TIM) also provides funding for surface transportation capital improvement projects; however, the TIM Fee Program is financially constrained and all anticipated TIM funding is programmed for other projects in the County's 10-year Capital Improvement Program through 2017. Funding this regionally significant US 50 HOV Lane project with ARRA TIGER discretionary grant funding will leverage the TIM Fee Program and the annual funding stream from the Miwok Tribe and will construct the HOV Lanes five to seven years ahead of schedule.

The US 50 HOV Lane project is included in the Caltrans US Highway 50 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) updated May 2009, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)'s 2009/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the El Dorado County's US 50 Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) Fee Program, and the El Dorado County General Plan (2004).

Approved for Agenda:

Kathryn F. Mathews, AICP
Executive Director

Attachment A: EDCTC Resolution 09/10.03



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RESOLUTION 09/10.03

RESOLUTION OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE US 50 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE EXTENSION PHASES 2A AND 2B AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code, Title 7.91, Section 67950, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) was created as a local planning agency to provide regional transportation planning for the area of El Dorado County, exclusive of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 29532.1(g) identifies EDCTC as the designated regional transportation planning agency for El Dorado County, exclusive of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and is responsible for the planning, allocating and/or programming of funds; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation announced a Notice of Funding Availability for Supplemental Discretionary Grants for Capital Investments in Surface Transportation Infrastructure under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission and Caltrans, has nominated the US 50 High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Extension, Phases 2A (Bass Lake to Cameron Park Drive) and 2B (Cameron Park Drive to Ponderosa Road) for ARRA Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary funding; and

WHEREAS, the US 50 HOV Lane project is included in the Caltrans US Highway 50 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) updated May 2009, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)'s 2009/12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the El Dorado County's US 50 Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) Fee Program, and the El Dorado County General Plan (2004); and

WHEREAS, funding this regionally significant High Occupancy Vehicle project with ARRA TIGER discretionary grant funding will leverage funding from the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and the El Dorado County Traffic Impact Mitigation fee program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Dorado County Transportation Commission supports the El Dorado County Department of Transportation's US 50 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension Phases 2A and 2B American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery discretionary grant application.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the El Dorado County Transportation Commission governing body at the regular meeting held on August 6, 2009, by the following vote:

Vote Pending

Attest:

Carl Hagen, Chair
El Dorado County Transportation Commission

Joni Rice, Secretary to the Commission