

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 22, 2015

Reference No.: 2.2c (4)
Action

From: SUSAN BRANSEN
Interim Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TROUT CREEK TRAIL PROJECT
(RESOLUTION E-15-05)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Trout Creek Trail Project (project) in Nevada County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Truckee (Town) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project would construct a new Class 1 paved trail between Northwoods Boulevard in the Tahoe Donner Community and Bridge Street in Downtown Truckee, with a spur connecting to the existing Trails End Class 1 trail to Pioneer Center. The trail will be approximately 8,800 feet long, including the spur trail. A soft surface trail is also considered and is proposed roughly parallel to the paved trail. The trail will cross Trout Creek in 2 locations. A trailhead parking area is proposed near Northwoods Boulevard, along with trail amenities such as benches and trash receptacles.

On April 22, 2014 the Truckee Town Council adopted the final MND for the project and found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Geology and Soils. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: consulting with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain authorization prior to starting construction of any activities which may impact wetlands; consulting with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and conducting pre-construction surveys for yellow warbler, tree-nesting raptors and nesting migratory birds 15 days prior to any construction;

conducting a botanical survey within two years prior to construction and consulting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and CDFW if a rare plant is found; consulting with a qualified archeologist in the event undiscovered cultural resources are encountered for appropriate mitigation measures; contacting the Nevada County Coroner in the event human skeletal remains are discovered for appropriate mitigation measures; and collecting soil samples prior to start of construction and implementing appropriate measures in the event hazardous materials are discovered.

On December 7, 2014 the Town confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,900,000 and is fully funded through construction with Active Transportation Program (\$1,520,000) and Truckee Special Service Area Funds (\$380,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2014/15.

Attachments

- Resolution E-14-05
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 03 – Nevada County Resolution E-15-05

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Town of Truckee has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
 - Trout Creek Trail Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, Town of Truckee has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project will construct a new Class 1 paved trail between Northwoods Boulevard in the Tahoe Donner Community and Bridge Street in Downtown Truckee, with a spur connecting to the existing Trails End Class 1 trail to Pioneer Center; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, Town of Truckee found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, Town of Truckee approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

Trout Creek Trail Project - Phase 2



Legend

— Existing Class I Trails

Trout Creek Trail

— Phase 1

— Phase 2

Tahoe Donner

Trout Creek Phase 2
(Project)

Downtown

