



City Council Staff Report

Subject: BUILD Grant Application

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Department: City Manager's Office

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for the United States Department of Transportation BUILD Grant, Commit Matching Funds, and Accept Grant Award.

Background:

Rocklin Road is a prominent east-west vehicle-heavy arterial roadway that runs perpendicular to Interstate 80 (I-80). As it traverses under I-80, Rocklin Road has narrow sidewalks, no shoulders, and no bike lanes. Since the 1958 construction of I-80 through Rocklin, the freeway has bisected the city, with the Sierra College area disconnected from downtown Rocklin. The City is proposing to reconfigure the interchange into a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) and create a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian crossing of Interstate 80 to encourage safer connections between Sierra College and Rocklin's downtown.

On November 14, 2023 the City Council approved the design of the Rocklin Road/I-80 Interchange (Resolution No. 2023-187). Funding has been included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program with South Placer Regional Transportation Authority (SPRTA) providing \$6.096 million in grants for design work in FY 2024/25 to FY 2025/26. The City has also budgeted \$11.917 million in FY 2026/27 for construction funded by a mix of state, federal, and local funds. The total project costs including both design and construction are estimated at \$43 million.

On December 15 2025, the US Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant. The BUILD grant provides up to \$25 million for large transportation projects, including road, highway, and interstate improvements. With support from the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), the City will be applying for \$25 million for the Rocklin Road/I-80 Interchange Improvement Project.

As part of the BUILD Grant, applicants are required to provide at least a 20% matching requirement for construction costs, which is approximately \$8.6 million for this project. The City has committed over \$11 million in the FY 2026-2031 CIP from the following sources:

Source	Amount
Street Grants Fund 240 (RSTP)	\$10,000
Street grants Fund 240 (CMAQ)	\$503,000
Street Grants Fund 240 (SPRTA)	\$5,404,000
Traffic Circulation Impact Fee Fund 302	\$6,000,000
Total	\$11,917,000

In order to apply for the BUILD Grant, the City must submit a letter that identifies the amount of matching funds and their sources. The proposed Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizes the City Manager to execute a letter stating the City has identified a funding source for the matching requirement, which has previously been authorized by the City Council in the FY 2026-2031 CIP. The Resolution also authorizes the City Manager to submit the grant application and to accept the grant, if awarded.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact from the staff recommendation. Sufficient funds are available in the Rocklin Road/I-80 Interchange Improvements Project (Project No. 50162) to meet the grant matching requirement.

ATTACHMENTS:

- [1. Resolution](#)