



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Rocklin Road/I-80 Interchange Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing
Community Identification Sign

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving the Transportation Art/Community Identification Proposal for an Identification Sign on the Rocklin Road/I-80 Interchange Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing and Authorizing City Staff to Submit the Proposal to the Caltrans District 3 Transportation Art Coordinator for Preliminary Approval.

Background:

In 2020 a project design team investigated a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) configuration as an option to mitigate congestion on Rocklin Road at Interstate 80 (I-80) and enhance connectivity between Sierra College and surrounding destinations.

On November 14, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-187, approving a DDI configuration with bicycle and pedestrian (Bike/Ped) use provided by a dedicated overcrossing of I-80. The project (Project No. 50162) design includes the installation of a Community Identification Sign on both sides of the new overcrossing.

Community Identification Signs serve as visual gateways to cities by enhancing community pride, increasing visibility, and promoting recognition among residents, businesses, and visitors. When located within the freeway right-of-way, such features are subject to Caltrans approval and must comply with established design, safety, and long-term maintenance requirements.

Once Caltrans provides preliminary approval of the proposal for a sign, they will work to draft a Maintenance Agreement between the City and Caltrans for the on-going maintenance of the sign and the bike/ped overcrossing. It is anticipated that the Maintenance Agreement will take several months to prepare, and staff will return to the City Council at a later date to seek the adoption of the Maintenance Agreement and authorization to submit the final Community Identification Sign proposal documents.

An overview of the Community Identification Sign as a public art component and its alignment with the Arts Commission Goal #3 of expanding public art throughout the city, was presented to the City of Rocklin Arts Commission (Commission) on January 26, 2026. Following discussion, the Commission voted 5-0 to support the proposal.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the Transportation Art/Community Identification Proposal.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Exhibit A - Draft Transportation Art Community Identification Proposal](#)