



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Approval of the Draft South Placer County District Transportation Expenditure Plan

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving the Draft South Placer County District Transportation Expenditure Plan for the Proposed Transportation Improvement Plan and Retail Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance and Approving a Notice of Exemption.

Background:

Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) will be presenting an overview of the proposed Transportation Improvement Plan and Retail Transportation and Use Tax Ordinance, and how the program will work. The only action before the City Council at this time is to accept staff's recommendation to approve the Draft South Placer County District Transportation Expenditure Plan (Expenditure Plan) as presented herein.

Who is PCTPA?

PCTPA is the State of California-recognized Regional Transportation Planning Agency responsible for planning and delivery of funding, programs, and capital improvement projects that reduce congestion in Placer County with the exception of the Lake Tahoe basin. PCTPA is led by nine board members comprised of local City Council members and Placer County Supervisors and one member of the public, who collectively provide balanced representation for all citizens of Placer County.

Placer County Congestion

The population of southern Placer County has grown drastically in the past 25 years, resulting in localized and regional congestion. To preserve the quality of life for residents and businesses, it is necessary to fund local and regional infrastructure needs.

PCTPA has identified the three contiguous cities of Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln as the "South Placer County District" and anticipates placing a one-half of one percent (0.5%) sales tax measure for critical transportation infrastructure projects on the November 2024 ballot. If a sales tax measure is ultimately placed on the ballot and approved by voters, the proposed

Expenditure Plan, attached herein, would focus on funding capital improvements within Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln, most notably supporting the I-80/Rocklin Road Interchange with the westbound auxiliary lane, the Highway 65/I-80 interchange, and Highway 65 improvements between Galleria Boulevard and Twelve Bridges Drive. All of these major roadway improvements would directly benefit Rocklin residents, business owners, and commuters.

A sales tax, such as the one being contemplated, requires that the tax be tied to a specific expenditure plan that identifies a list of projects on which the funding must be spent. The Expenditure Plan would:

- Impose a one-half of one percent (0.5%) retail transactions and use tax to be collected for a period of thirty (30) years for transportation improvements to meet the County's transportation needs, including major highway and road projects, local road maintenance and transportation improvement projects, rail and transit projects (including services for the elderly and disabled), bicycle and pedestrian projects, and other unanticipated but needed improvements.
- Provide for the formation of an Independent Citizen Oversight Committee which will review the independent annual fiscal audit of the expenditures of the Transportation Tax funds and will issue an annual report on its findings regarding compliance with the Expenditure Plan and the requirements of the Ordinance.
- Require that funds collected be spent on various types of improvements subject to the following program types and corresponding percentages:
 - Major Highway and Road Program – 52%
 - Rail and Transit Program – 12%
 - Local Transportation Program – 25%
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Program – 5%
 - Competitive Projects Program – 5%
 - Program Administration – 1%

No decision has been made yet to proceed with a transportation sales tax ballot measure in Placer County, however, PCTPA has been and will continue to meet with key City, Town, and County leaders, elected officials, stakeholders, and community groups to understand the current needs and funding gaps.

Before PCTPA, acting as the Local Transportation Authority, can consider adopting the proposed Ordinance, the draft Expenditure Plan must be approved by the Board of Supervisors and the City and Town Councils representing both a majority of the cities and town in the County, and a majority of the population residing in the incorporated areas of the County. As such, staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution approving the Draft South Placer County District Transportation Expenditure Plan.

If the Expenditure Plan is approved by the Board of Supervisors and the City and Town Councils representing both a majority of the cities and towns in the County, and a majority of the population residing in the incorporated areas of the County, PCTPA, acting as the Local Transportation Authority, will consider adopting the Ordinance at its May 2024 meeting.

Following adoption of the Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors would be asked to place the Ordinance on the November 2024 ballot.

Environmental Analysis:

The Expenditure Plan is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is therefore exempt from CEQA review. Prior to the commencement of any project included in the Expenditure Plan, any necessary environmental review required by CEQA shall be completed.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with approving or denying the proposed South Placer County District Transportation Expenditure Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - South Placer County District Transportation Expenditure Plan](#)
3. [Resolution Exhibit B - Notice of Exemption](#)