

CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
MEMORANDUM FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2008
Prepared on March 17, 2008

TO: Members of the City Council
VIA: Joe Heckel, Acting City Administrator
FROM: Timothy M. Kiser, PE, Public Works Director/City Engineer
SUBJECT: Potential Cooperative Agreement for Additional Improvements in Conjunction with the East Main/Idaho-Maryland Intersection Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION: That Council receive an informational update on a potential opportunity to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to construct additional improvements in conjunction with the City's East Main Street / Idaho-Maryland Road Improvement Project (Roundabout) and provide direction to Staff.

BACKGROUND: Earlier this month, the State Department of Transportation (Caltans) received allocation of some additional state road funds for the construction of ramp improvements in the vicinity of the East Main St/Idaho Maryland Rd/SR 20/49 westbound ramp intersection. Due to this unforeseen availability of funding, Caltrans is fast tracking this project for construction this summer to ensure the obligated construction funds can be used to construct ramp improvements to enhance the weave between the Idaho Maryland on-ramp and the Bennett Street off-ramp. Due to City's East Main St/Idaho-Maryland Rd Intersection Improvement Project, also scheduled for construction in the same vicinity, Caltrans has approached the City with the idea of entering into a Cooperative Agreement to construct the improvements in conjunction with our project.

The combined construction project has the following advantages and risks:

Advantages:

- Caltrans would provide a lump sum payment to the City upon award of the Construction Contract in the amount of \$612,000. If the construction costs are less than \$612,000, the City could use the remaining funds for the construction of the roundabout project.
- City oversight of the construction contract for both projects would avoid a potentially costly issue of two different contractors trying to work in the same construction zone.
- City would control lane and ramp closures to hopefully reduce impacts on local streets.
- Caltrans has ensured the City the Cooperative Agreement would not delay the City's project.

Risks:

- If costs exceed \$612,000, the City may be responsible for the additional costs.

Staff is looking for input and direction from Council on the concept of entering into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to construct additional highway ramp improvements. Additionally, staff will provide a summary of the proposed highway project for Council's consideration at the March 25th Council meeting. If Council decides to move forward with the agreement, staff will return to Council to review and approval a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans, subject to legal review next month.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Cooperative Agreement will most likely provide additional funding for the construction of improvements associated with the City's East Main St/Idaho-Maryland Rd Intersection Improvement.

c: Project File #02-03