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From: Peter Rei, Director of Public Works

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Issue:

Consideration of a establishing a prioritized list of projects for the Traffic Mitigation Program.

Background:

In August 1998 the Board of Supervisors adopted the County-Wide Traffic Circulation Improvement Program by means of approving Resolution 187-98 which includes a list of projects shown as Table 1 (see page 12 of 12 in Attachment 1). The projects included in the list were shown alphabetically in each of three categories with no clear priority established as to which order they would be completed. Over the years a few of the projects have come to the Board on a case by case basis and work has been authorized in order that staff could proceed with one or more of the projects.

The balance in the Traffic Mitigation fund accounts (both City of Sonora and County of Tuolumne) is \$11,697,287 as of October 1, 2009. There are no current commitments for any of this money to specific projects on the Resolution 187-98 list.

Both County and City staff believe that it would be in the best interest of the community to begin environmental clearance and formal design on some of the projects so that we can realize the intended traffic improvements that these projects offer. However, without a clear prioritization of the projects staff does not have adequate direction of what the Board and City Council wish us to be working on.

Recently, staff was asked to provide a Regional Traffic Mitigation Plan as part of the deliberations of the Board concerning the Law and Justice Center project. As part of this effort the attached plan was prepared (see Attachment 1). This plan attempts to lay out a path over the next 20 years of what improvements the community can expect to be

completed based on expectations of what traffic mitigation funds are expected to be available. Four specific projects are listed on page 5 of 12 of this plan. However, to date there is no specific direction to staff that this list and plan are acceptable to the Board.

At the October 19, 2009 Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee (BOSTC) meeting this plan and the list of projects in Resolution 187-98 were discussed. Similar discussions with the City of Sonora administration and city engineer also discussed this plan and list of projects. Following their discussion the BOSTC decided by a unanimous vote to select the following priorities for the projects listed in Resolution 197-98:

Category 1

- 1) Widening of Mono Way from Greenley Road to Fir Drive/Sanguinetti
- 2) SR 108/49 five lane widening from 5th Avenue to South Entrance of Main St.(includes several projects listed as State/Local Partnership Projects) ✓

Category 2

- 1) Final Improvements to Greenley Road/Mono Way Intersection ✓
- 2) Greenley Road Extension (portion of North/South Connector project) ✓

Category 3

All other projects listed in Resolution 187-98

Financial Impact:

The funding to pay for the necessary project development costs for these projects is available in the Traffic Mitigation fund. All future construction costs will need to be specifically approved by either the Board of Supervisors or the Sonora City Council prior to those funds being spent.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the list of projects selected by the BOSTC as the highest priority projects for the Traffic Mitigation fund program and instruct staff to begin project development work for the Category 1 projects.

cc: Greg Applegate, City Manager, City of Sonora
Craig Pedro, County Administrator, County of Tuolumne

Attachments: Regional Traffic Mitigation Plan (from previous Board discussion concerning the Law and Justice Center)