

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CALTRANS)
REQUEST FOR YUBA COUNTY TO)
COMMIT \$4 MILLION LOCAL FUNDS)
FOR THE HIGHWAY 70 WIDENING)
PROJECT WHILE PURSUING FUNDING)
FOR SAME THROUGH SACOG'S FUTURE)
FUNDING ROUNDS)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08

WHEREAS, according to Caltrans, the portion of Highway 70 within Yuba County that runs through the area commonly referred to as District 10 (area between City of Marysville north to the County boundary) has a fatality accident rate that is 4.5 times higher than the statewide average; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has pursued and secured over \$100 million in funding to construct a safety improvement project on this portion of Highway 70; and

WHEREAS, the current funding and scope of work for the safety improvement project includes creating clear recovery zones on the edge of the highway, a continuous two way left turn lane, and right turn lanes at key intersections; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans recently performed a safety audit of the proposed safety improvement project and discovered that in addition to the improvements already proposed, adding an additional thru lane in each direction would further enhance safety for this portion of Highway 70; and

WHEREAS, significant cost savings can be realized if the two additional thru lanes are constructed concurrent with the other safety improvements, which would change the scope of the project from what is commonly referred to as a three lane project to a five lane project; and

WHEREAS, the County is supportive of Caltrans' pursuit to improve the safety of the State's Highway System and looks forward to working with Caltrans in the future to improve the safety and viability of the State's Highway System that serves the communities in the County; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans estimates that adding the two additional thru lanes to the existing safety project will increase the project cost by \$36 million and is asking that Yuba County support Caltrans in requesting that \$4 million of the \$36 million be funded by Yuba County; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans is pursuing programming \$22 million in Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) funds for this project in the current programming cycle that the California Transportation Commission will shortly be considering for adoption, and the Butte County Association of Governments has pledged \$10 million in funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, if Caltrans is successful in programming \$22 million in ITIP funds for this project, then a \$4 million commitment from Yuba County would fully fund the project allowing it to proceed into construction; and

WHEREAS, SACOG staff opine that a multi-agency application with significant match is typically a competitive application for funding through its routine call for projects, and that \$4 million is within the normal range of funds that Caltrans, the City of Marysville, and Yuba County have historically achieved in prior SACOG funding rounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the current Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba hereby supports the request of Caltrans and pledges \$4 million in local funds if and when Caltrans is successful in programming \$22 million of its ITIP funds toward this project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$4 million will be funded from a Yuba County impact fee trust fund, or other specified local funding source subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, with the understanding that Caltrans will prepare a joint application for this project in SACOG's 2020 funding round seeking \$4 million in conjunction with Yuba County and the City of Marysville;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the application is successful in SACOG's future funding rounds, the funds awarded this project by SACOG will be used to reimburse Yuba County for any amount of local funds contributed by Yuba County to the Highway 70 safety improvement project up to \$4 million.

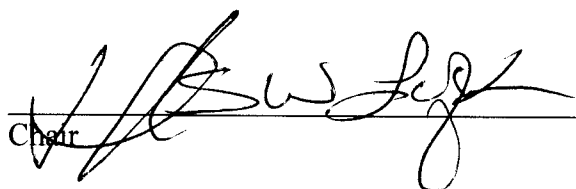
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January
2020, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Leahy, Lofton, Bradford, Fletcher

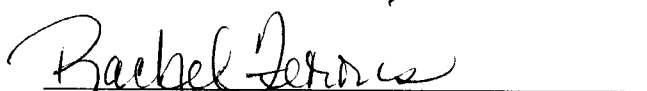
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


Chair

ATTEST: RACHEL FERRIS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MIKE CICOZZI, COUNTY COUNSEL

