



STAFF REPORT

Date: March 16, 2022
To: TRPA Governing Board
From: TRPA Staff
Subject: Release of El Dorado County Air Quality Mitigation Funds (\$165,000) for the East San Bernadino – West San Bernadino Class 1 Bike Path

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve El Dorado County’s request for the release of Air Quality Mitigation Funds (\$165,000) for the East San Bernadino – West San Bernadino Class 1 Bike Path, subject to the conditions cited below. The request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program objectives, Chapter 60 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances, and the Governing Board’s policy guidelines for the release of mitigation funds.

Required Motion:

To approve the requested release, the Board must make the following motion:

- 1) A motion to approve the release subject to the conditions contained in this memorandum.

In order for the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Background:

El Dorado County is requesting \$165,000 towards construction of the East San Bernadino – West San Bernadino Class 1 Bike Path.

Table 1 Proposed Funding Release			
EIP #	PROJECT	Fund	Amount
03.02.02.0027	Class 1 Bike Path: East San Bernadino – West San Bernadino	AQ	\$165,000
	Total Funding Requested		\$165,000

The project builds on the Meyers Bikeway, to provide a critical link to the pathway network between the North Upper Truckee Road neighborhood and the community of Meyers. The project supports the Meyers Area Plan and Linking Tahoe: Active Transportation Plan.

Construction is scheduled for Summer 2022, and will include a pedestrian bridge over the Upper Truckee River, just west of Tahoe Paradise Park, and links to the bike lane facilities along North Upper Truckee Road from the west, and Apache Avenue to the east.

The requested funds will help fulfil federal match requirements, and will complete a funding package that includes support from the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG).

Funding Sources			
Class 1 Bike Path: East San Bernadino – West San Bernadino			
	TRPA Mitigation	Other Funding Sources	Total Budget
Other Funding Sources			
Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)		\$702,869	\$702,869
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality CMAQ)		\$250,000	\$250,000
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)		\$272,872	\$272,872
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)		\$1,453,525	\$1,453,525
EIP Mitigation Funds			
Air Quality Mitigation Fund	\$165,000		\$165,000
Total			\$2,844,266

The account balance for the Air Quality Mitigation Fund for El Dorado County as of February 7, 2022 is \$312,018.12 which is sufficient to cover this request.

Conditions:

Staff recommends approving the release of these funds subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. The recipient shall only use the funds for the project cited above and as approved by TRPA.
2. TRPA reserves the right to withhold funds to ensure project priorities, goals, and objectives are consistent with those of the Environmental Improvement Program and TRPA’s Regional Plan.
3. El Dorado County agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.
4. El Dorado County agrees to maintain a report detailing the use and expenditures of all funds used on the project. These records shall be made available for review and audit by TRPA within thirty (30) calendar days upon written request.

5. All mitigation funds not used as described above shall be returned to TRPA. Upon written approval from TRPA, these funds may be re-allocated to another project.
6. The County agrees to report the applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project.

Regional Plan Compliance:

The proposed release complies with the TRPA Regional Plan and Code of Ordinances.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions regarding this item please contact Tracy Campbell at tcampbell@trpa.gov, or by phone at (775) 589-5267, or, Kimberly Caringer, Division Manager, Environmental Improvement Program at kcaringer@trpa.gov, or by phone at (775) 589-5263.

Attachment:

- A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A

EIP Project Fact Sheet

Class I Bike Path: East San Bernadino – West San Bernadino

