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**STAFF REPORT**

Date: October 16, 2024

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of El Dorado County Water Quality Mitigation Funds (\$20,000.00), for the Pioneer Trail/US Highway 50 Intersection Safety Improvement Project

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve El Dorado County's request for the release of Water Quality Mitigation Funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 towards the Pioneer Trail/US Highway 50 Intersection Safety Improvement Project ([01.01.01.0205](#)), 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:

Located in the Meyers community, this project will improve the intersection at US Highway 50 and Pioneer Trail by replacing the existing signalized intersection with a modern roundabout. The project aims to improve traffic flow, mobility, walkability, and sustainability at the intersection, and will close a major gap in the area's active transportation system.

The project will provide multimodal transportation improvements like visible crosswalks, a shared-use path, and improved lighting and signage. The project will also implement new stormwater drainage to improve water quality.

The requested mitigation funds will be used for the final design phase, and will meet match requirements for previously awarded federal funds.

Project construction is scheduled to begin in May 2025.

The unencumbered Water Quality Mitigation Fund account balance for El Dorado County is \$569,275.08 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 County 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. The County agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.
4. The County agrees to maintain a report detailing the use and expenditure 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 request from TRPA a final inspection no later than 30 days after completion of the project.
7. TRPA approved EIP signage shall be used on all projects during construction to identify TRPA as a funding source and shall include the EIP logo.
8. The County agrees to report the applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project in the EIP Tracker.

Regional Plan Compliance:

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

Contact Information:

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Attachment:

- A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A

EIP Project Fact Sheet

Pioneer Trail/US Highway 50 Intersection Safety Improvement Project



