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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** April 25, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jessica Hankins, Public Works Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution Authorizing Nevada County's Application for Federal Lands Access Program Funds for the Stampede Meadows Road Class II Bicycle Lane Improvement Project – District 5**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution authorizing Nevada County's application for Federal Lands Access Program (Access Program) funds to widen Stampede Meadows Road to Class II bicycle lane standards.

**FUNDING:** Funding for this project would be provided through the Access Program grant. There is no impact to the General Fund, and no budget amendment is needed.

**BACKGROUND:** The goal of the Access Program is to improve transportation facilities adjacent to or accessing federal lands. Applications that provide access to high-use recreation sites or federal economic generators are given priority. Stampede Meadows Road provides access from I-80 to the Boca and Stampede Reservoir Recreation Complexes and other U.S. Forest Service lands, which offer recreational opportunities including camping, fishing, boating, skiing, hunting, horseback riding, hiking, and off-road vehicle use. The Nevada County Bicycle Master Plan also designates Stampede Meadows Road as a bicycle route. However, the narrow shoulders of this roadway, combined with heavy traffic during the tourist season, compromises the safety of bicyclists and drivers. The proposed road widening project would improve the safety of all users of the roadway by widening the recovery zone and providing a dedicated path of travel for cyclists. In providing safer linkages between recreational areas, the project would generate increased use of the facilities as well as increased economic activity in the region.

The Access Program does not limit funding for individual projects, so staff recommends that Nevada County apply for funding to widen all 10 miles of the roadway within the jurisdiction of Nevada and Sierra Counties, from the Truckee Town limits in the south to Henness Pass Road in the north. This work is estimated at around \$15 million. The County is proposing a \$450,000 local match for work in Nevada County using local traffic mitigation fees. These funds were approved by the Board of Supervisors in Resolution No. 17-030 as part of the recent revisions to the Local Traffic Mitigation Fee Program. Toll credits would also be used as matching funds.

Applications are due by May 12, 2017. As of the date of this staff report, Nevada County has received verbal and/or written support from several entities, including the U.S. Forest Service, Nevada County Transportation Commission, Sierra County, Nevada County District 5 Supervisor Richard Anderson, and Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway.

Staff will return to the Board upon award of grant funds, if received.

**Item Initiated by:** Jessica Hankins, Public Works Project Manager

**Approved by:** Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

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**Submittal Date:** April 3, 2017