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ERIC ROOD ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
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**DATE OF MEETING:** February 24, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. for the County of Nevada Local Traffic Mitigation Fee Update

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funding is for Fiscal Year 2014/15 and would impact the Roads Engineering Budget. Funding is provided by the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) and the Traffic Mitigation Fee Program and no budget amendment is needed. There is no impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

The first official traffic fee program in the County was initiated in 1979 to “mitigate cumulative environmental impact on county roads”. It arose out of the need to mitigate cumulative impacts under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

As use of impact fees or development fees has evolved in the State, the County has made periodic changes and updates to reflect this evolution. Subsequent to the adoption of the current Nevada County General Plan and Circulation Element in 1995, the County updated the County’s Traffic Impact Mitigation Program (TIMP) in 1997.

The Western Nevada County regional transportation mitigation fee (RTMF) program was established in 2001 through a partnership of Nevada County, Nevada City, city of Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC). The RTMF program has since collected development impact fees to help fund construction of the regional system of roads, streets, and highways needed to accommodate growth in western Nevada County. The County also adopted a concurrent Local Traffic Mitigation Fee (LTMF) program to mitigate development impacts on local County roads. The RTMF and LTMF programs were most recently updated by both NCTC and the County in 2008.

Since the last RTMF and LTMF program updates in 2008, changes in demographic and economic assumptions which provide the underlying basis for these programs have necessitated the review and update of the programs to reaffirm the nexus between projected development and needed transportation system improvements. Demographic and economic changes have also created the need to update the City of Grass Valley Transportation Impact Fee.

In 2014, NCTC, in coordination with Grass Valley and Nevada County, completed an update of the NCTC regional traffic model. The future land use scenario from the NCTC traffic model will be the basis for determining the number of new trips that will be on the road network and where roadway improvements will be needed.

On October 28, 2014 the Board adopted Resolution 14-515, approving a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the County of Nevada LTMF Update. On December 4, 2014, three (3) Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) were received. The SOQs were reviewed by a selection panel made up of representatives from the County, NCTC, and the City of Grass Valley, and evaluated based on a scoring methodology identified in the RFQ. The three (3) firms were then selected for oral interviews. Based on these oral interviews, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. was selected as the top ranked firm. Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. has proposed professional engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$43,909.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SCB', is written over the typed name.

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