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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Joshua Pack, Principal Civil Engineer

SUBJECT: **Approval of Community Partnership Agreement between the County of Nevada and River Valley Community Bank Related to Town Talk Road (District 3)**

RECOMMENDATION: Consider the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and impacts the General Fund. Funds will be transferred from the Sources and Uses budget into the Department of Public Works Administration budget in the amount of \$4,000. There is no budget amendment required at this time.

BACKGROUND:

Residents on Bubbling Wells Road and Town Talk Road have expressed concerns about intersection safety and accessibility at Brunswick Road. Specifically, the current intersection geometry results in high speed traffic turning right from northbound Brunswick Road onto northbound Town Talk Road. Limited sight distance and speeding issues make it difficult for Bubbling Wells Road traffic to exit onto Town Talk Road and Brunswick Road. In addition, the Nevada County Horsemen's Lodge – located on Bubbling Wells Road – generates oversized vehicles and traffic that find difficulty exiting Bubbling Wells Road throughout the day and night.

Since January 2000 there have been 8 collisions at or near the intersection of Brunswick Road and Town Talk Road. While it is unclear how many of these collisions are attributed to Town Talk Road and Bubbling Wells Road, improvements to this intersection could help improve safety and accessibility for this location.

Due to the relatively low frequency and severity of collisions, this location does not qualify for federal safety grant funding. In addition, intersection operations are well above acceptable thresholds, making the location ineligible for inclusion in the Local Traffic Mitigation Fee program. The current road funding issues and the potential for repeal of Senate Bill 1 in November 2018 makes this location an unlikely candidate for future improvements.

River Valley Community Bank is currently developing a 3,500 square foot bank and 1,500 square foot retail / office building at 580 Brunswick Road in the City of Grass Valley, located on the northwest corner of Brunswick Road and Town Talk Road. As part of the city approval process, the Bank has requested secondary access from Town Talk Road. The Nevada County Department of Public Works requested that if the Bank decided to connect to Town Talk Road, they would be required to improve and realign Town Talk Road or conduct a traffic analysis to verify that additional traffic would not negatively impact the nearby intersection. Grass Valley included these conditions in its approval of the project.

The Bank has decided to move forward with the Town Talk Road realignment and improvement option. However, due to escalating costs, the Bank has requested that the county provide assistance for the project. The proposed project includes the realignment and improvement of Town Talk Road from Brunswick Road approximate 300 feet north. Improvements also include the removal of existing pavement and road materials from the approximate 300 feet of the old Town Talk Road alignment once the road realignment and improvement work is complete. Project details are on file with the Department of Public Works. Once the project is complete, the Bank is interested in performing an easement abandonment and annexation process to acquire portions of Town Talk Road along the old roadway alignment and have the acquired property annexed into the City of Grass Valley.

At the July 17, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board gave staff direction to prepare a Community Partnership Agreement with River Valley Bank to provide for a County contribution to the overall effort to redesign and realign Town Talk Road and the potential clean up and annexation of the remainder property.

The attached Community Partnership Agreement includes a one-time contribution of \$4,000 for public benefits to support the Bank's efforts. In addition, the Nevada County Department of Public Works has agreed to remove remaining asphalt and road aggregate from the abandoned portions of Town Talk Road once the improvements have been completed. Public Works will utilize the asphalt grinding for a variety of uses, including shoulder backing and road stabilization efforts on other county roads. These contributions are contingent upon completion of the Town Talk realignment.

Item Initiated by: Joshua Pack, Public Works Project Manager
Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

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