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

**MEETING DATE:** February 28, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Trisha Tillotson, CDA Director and Acting Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application to fund the Rough and Ready Highway/Ridge Rd/Adams Ave Infrastructure Improvement project for \$1.4 million dollars- District III.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** The proposed Rough and Ready/Ridge Rd/Adam Ave Intersection Improvement project is currently partially funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding as well as Local Transportation Mitigation Fee funding. If the proposed RAISE grant application is awarded it will fund the remainder of the project. Federal cost share for this grant is up to 100% for rural and historically disadvantaged communities.

**BACKGROUND:** The “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” and FY2023 Appropriations Act authorized the Department of Transportation (DOT) to award \$1.15 billion in grant funding to projects located in rural areas through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for FY2023. Rural areas are defined as a project located outside of any Census-designated urbanized area or located within a Census-designated urbanized area with a population less than 200,000. This grant will be awarded to infrastructure projects that will improve safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness, and opportunities including tourism, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation. The grant also must award a total of \$35 million to projects located in historically disadvantaged communities or areas of persistent poverty.

The Department of Public Works wishes to apply for this grant to fund \$1.4 million of the construction costs for the Rough and Ready/Ridge Rd/Adam Ave Intersection Improvement project. Total estimated construction cost is \$4.23 million and is currently identified in the Capital Improvement Plan. This project is located in a historically disadvantaged community and aims to combine two three-legged intersections into one four-legged roundabout, reducing existing and future traffic delays, reducing air pollutant, and increasing road safety for drivers and pedestrians. Intended benefits of this project include reduced emissions, improved vehicle, pedestrian, and bike safety, and greater access to the communities of Penn Valley and Rough and Ready.

If DOT chooses to award the Department of Public Works such grant, the staff will return to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for acceptance of the funds.

**Item Initiated by:** Michelle Garcia, Assistant Engineer  
**Approved by:** Trisha Tillotson, CDA Director and Acting Director of Public Works  
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