

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE  
APPROVING THE CLAY STREET/CEDAR RAVINE REALIGNMENT AND  
ROUNDAABOUT AND THE CLAY STREET BRIDGE AT HANGTOWN CREEK  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CIP 40617), FINDING THE PROJECT TO BE IN  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION  
ELEMENT AND GENERAL PLAN, CERTIFYING THE INITIAL  
STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND ADOPTING THE  
PROJECT MITIGATION MEASURES AND MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the existing Clay Street/Main Street intersection, the Cedar Ravine/Main Street intersection, and the Clay Street Bridge, are substandard, functionally obsolete, and are projected to result in unacceptable traffic congestion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the existing historic Druid Monument is currently located in the roadway at the Cedar Ravine/Main Street intersection and has been seriously damaged by vehicle collisions in the past, and is in serious risk of damage or destruction due to future vehicle collisions; and,

**WHEREAS**, after nearly a decade of study and discussion, in January 2006 the City Council adopted the Placerville Streetscape Design Development Plan prepared by consulting landscape architect, Mr. Gary Hyden, that proposed a realignment of Clay Street to line up opposite Cedar Ravine at the intersection with Main Street, and to develop a traffic roundabout at the resulting intersection with the historic Druid Monument to be relocated to the landscape area at the center of the roundabout to provide for the preservation and protection of this historic resource; and,

**WHEREAS**, between 2006 and 2008 the City received "Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality" grant funding, Federal "Highway Bridge Program" funding, "Regional Surface Transportation Program" and "Transportation Enhancement" grant funding to construct the subject projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 the City began the process of preliminary project design, and environmental document preparation for the subject project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary project analysis evaluated alternatives and determined that realigning Clay Street to line up opposite Cedar Ravine in a four-legged intersection with Main Street with a traffic roundabout at the resulting intersection provided the best traffic operational improvements, and best met the goals of the City of Placerville; and,

**WHEREAS**, during the course of this project development City Staff and Consultants conducted two public outreach meetings to receive input from concerned citizens, and have incorporated those comments to the greatest extent possible into the design of the subject project; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sycamore Environmental Consultants Incorporated, the City's Environmental Consultant conducted an initial study, and prepared an Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) consistent with the requirements of the "California Environmental Quality Act" (CEQA), and an Environmental Assessment consistent with the requirements of the "National Environmental Protection Act" (NEPA); and,

**WHEREAS**, the incorporation of the proposed mitigation measures identified within the IS/MND will reduce the project's environmental impacts to a less than significant level; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing to consider this project was held before the City of Placerville Planning Commission on October 19, 2010 at which time written and verbal testimony was received by the Planning Commission, and by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present it was recommended that the City Council approve the project as presented, and certify the IS/MND; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sycamore Environmental Consultants Incorporated has evaluated the comments received and provided a formal response to those comments and has determined that no modification to the IS/MND is required as a result of those comments; and,

**WHEREAS**, the subject project has been evaluated with respect to the applicable provisions of the transportation element of the City of Placerville General Plan, and has been determined to be in conformance with the General Plan,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby:

1. Approve the Clay Street/Cedar Ravine Realignment and Roundabout, and the Clay Street Bridge at Hangtown Creek Replacement Project (CIP 40617).
2. Find that the proposed project is in conformance with the City of Placerville General Plan.
3. Certify the "Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration".
4. Adopt the project mitigation measures and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and identify the preferred parking mitigation location.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on November 9, 2010, by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_. The motion was passed by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Mayor Pierre Rivas

ATTEST:

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Susan Zito, CMC, City Clerk

