



**City of Placerville
Public Works Department
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: July 13, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: Randy Pesses, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CYCLE 9 GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON PORTIONS OF THOMPSON WAY AND COMBELLACK ROAD.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the Public Works Director to apply for \$290,000 in grant funding through the State of California Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program Cycle 9 for construction of sidewalks on Thompson Way from Cedar Ravine Street to Sierra Elementary School, and on Combellack Road from Canal Street to State Route 49.

BACKGROUND

The City of Placerville has successfully used SR2S funding in the past, most recently in 2009 to construct the sidewalk along Canal Street from Middletown/Combellack Road to Moulton Drive. During the period the City had SR2S funding in place for the Canal St sidewalks but prior to construction, a second application was submitted in 2004 for sidewalks on Thompson Way. That application was denied likely in part to the delay in constructing the Canal St. sidewalks. Now that the City is caught up and has shown project delivery, Staff is optimistic that a new application will yield better results.

DISCUSSION

The State has issued a call for projects for Cycle 9 SR2S funding, and Staff has identified two significant gaps in the sidewalk system to both Markham Middle School and Sierra Elementary School. A preliminary design was prepared for Thompson Way, and full bid-ready plans were previously prepared for Combellack Road through a Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant. Costs were then estimated for preliminary engineering, environmental, design, construction and contract administration. The total cost of sidewalks on both roads is \$400,000, which includes retaining walls at both locations, curb and gutter, curb ramps, crosswalks, driveways, drain inlets, patch paving, etc. Staff will be applying for \$290,000 from the SR2S program, to be matched by \$110,000 in local funds. The local match requirement of the grant will come from two sources which have already been secured: 1) \$90,000 from the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD), and 2) \$20,000 from developer contribution

associated with a Parcel Map on Thompson Way at Edythe Court (\$5,000 for design and \$15,000 toward construction).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action. Should the grant application be unsuccessful, the \$105,000 already secured for construction costs will be used to fund a portion of the sidewalk on Thompson Way only.

Tonight, Staff respectfully requests Council authorize the grant application submittal.

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