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LTC Staff Report

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2019

FROM: Kelly Karl, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Sustainable Communities Grant for June Lake Loop

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Chair's signature on a letter of support for the June Lake Loop Active Transportation Plan

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

If successful, the grant would provide funding to engage with the community on possible improvements along State Route 158

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Not applicable

RTP/RTIP CONSISTENCY

Below are a few Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Policies consistent with this grant application:

Policy 12.A. Develop and implement multi-modal transportation plans, programs or projects for all community areas to provide for the development of well-coordinated and designed non-motorized and motorized transportation facilities.

Objective 25.I. Enhance the safety and mobility of bicyclists along SR 158 and local roads in the June Lake Loop.

Action 25.I.1.b. Work with Caltrans, the Mono County LTC, the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee and other user groups (e.g., Eastside Velo) to develop a list of possible bicycle projects for the greater June Lake Loop.

DISCUSSION

Staff applied for this grant last year and was unsuccessful. Mono County would partner with the nonprofit Local Government Commission to engage residents, business owners, recreational user groups, and Caltrans staff. Grant would identify priority areas for pedestrian/bicycle improvements, recommend specific projects, and establish priorities and cost estimates for future implementation projects on State Route 158.

A Draft support letter is attached. Provide any desired direction to staff.

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Caltrans
Attn: Sustainable Communities Review Committee

Draft LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE JUNE LAKE LOOP ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Dear Review Committee:

The Local Transportation Commission supports this effort to secure a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning: Sustainable Communities grant to develop a bicycle and multi-modal improvement plan for the June Lake Loop (SR 158). We understand the project will develop recommendations for and establish community consensus on desired bicycle and multi-modal features aimed at enhancing the safety, mobility, and connectivity of non-motorized users travelling the June Lake Loop. By preparing this plan, the County and Caltrans will be better positioned to make infrastructure improvements on the June Lake Loop as well as apply for additional implementation grants.

Mono County is proposing to partner with the nonprofit Local Government Commission to organize a multi-day charrette process to engage residents, business owners, recreational user groups, and Caltrans staff in this important work. The charrette will explore opportunities to incorporate multi-modal design features such as crosswalk enhancements, connectivity between key community destinations and existing trail amenities, as well as bicycle specific improvements (wider shoulders, signage, sharrows, uphill bike lanes, etc.).

The Local Transportation Commission and Local Government Commission staff will work to create more active and healthy environments in Mono County. We believe that providing safe pedestrian facilities around June Lake will not only improve conditions for all the users of SR 158 but will also contribute to creating a more livable, healthy and vibrant community for all of our residents and visitors.

We strongly encourage Caltrans to provide Mono County with this important grant and look forward to working with you on projects that improve transportation options for our residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Fred Stump
Chair Local Transportation Commission