



**STAFF REPORT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 13, 2014
BUSINESS ITEM**

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: BRIAN FRAGIAO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: MAY 2, 2014

RE: LOOMIS TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN PROJECT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Recommendation:

Discuss project's future.

Issue Statement and Discussion

At the April 8, 2014 Town Council meeting, staff presented the Council with information updating the status of the Loomis Town Center Master Plan Project provided by Bennett Engineering. Several Council members had concerns of moving forward with the development of the project. Currently, the project is covered in the Capital Improvement Program as follows:

2012-2013 IMPROVEMENTS:

Downtown Master Plan – Design Taylor Road from Horseshoe Bar Road to Oak Street and crosswalks only at the designated proposed locations from Oak Street to Shawn Way **\$150,000**

Work consists of designing median and business frontage hardscape and landscape improvements. Also design crosswalk locations on Taylor Road from Oak Street to Shawn Way.

Funding: Gas Tax, General Fund Transportation

Bennett Engineering has billed \$25,616.21 of the total contract amount of \$150,000 to date.

2015-2016 IMPROVEMENTS:

Downtown Master Plan – Taylor Road from Oak Street to Walnut Street **\$548,649**

Work consists of median and business frontage hardscape and landscape improvements. Includes crosswalk improvements.

Funding: General Fund Reserves Transportation (\$368,000), CMAQ \$124,444, Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Service Agency funds \$56,205.

This segment of construction was included in the original analysis for the 2013/2014 budget.

Downtown Master Plan – Taylor Road from Walnut Street to Horseshoe Bar Rd \$790,906
Work consists of median and business frontage hardscape and landscape improvements.
Funding: General Fund Reserves Transportation, Future State and Federal Funding
This segment was added during the budget discussions and the Council understood that the funding for this segment was not covered under the five year CIP budget.

The tentative schedule for designing the project is as follows:

Note: The project was proposed for construction in the 2016 season. The Town will receive CMAQ funding of \$124k in 2016. This also gives the Town time to find additional funding to supplement the project.

April-June 2014 – Meet with Business owners
July-October 2014 – Public Workshops
March 2015 – Final Designs, Specifications & Estimates
April – May 2015 – Council Approval
June 2015 – March 2016 – Project construction delayed for acquiring funding
April – June 2016 – Advertise project
July – September 2016 - Construction

As mentioned at the April Council meeting, Staff recently applied for a grant from the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Service Agency for funds that could be used on transit related projects. As part of this project, crosswalks are proposed at the Taylor/Shawn intersection, Taylor/Circle intersection and at Highhand Nursery. Since there is a bus stop & shelter at the Taylor/Shawn location, staff was able to show the need for a crosswalk that could enhance the use of the existing bus shelter and overall transit system. At the March 26th Placer County Transportation Planning Agency Board meeting, the Board approved the funding of \$56,205 for this project. Staff has discussed this with the consultant and they will begin designing the crosswalk at Shawn & Taylor. This will help advance the overall schedule and cut into the total cost of the project. The grant has an expiration date of December and therefore work will need to be completed by October/November.

Bennett Engineering will also discuss the ATP funding that has just become available for this project.

CEQA Requirements

No CEQA requirements at this time.

Financial and/or Policy Implications

The Bennett Engineering Contract amount is \$150,000. The Consultant has billed \$25,616.21 to date.

Funding for the construction of this project will come from General Fund Reserves Transportation (\$368,000), CMAQ funds (\$124,444) and Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Service Agency funds of \$56,205 for the crosswalk at Taylor Road and Shawn Way. Currently, there is a \$790,906 shortfall for constructing the project.