

## Staff Report February 14, 2023

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Merrill Buck, Town Engineer  
**RE:** Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project #20-01, Approval of \$325,000 in Project Appropriations, Authorization for a \$1,630,000 Construction Budget, and Authorization to Award a Construction Contract if within Budget.

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Town Council adopt a resolution:

1. Approving the plans and specifications and authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project #20-01; and
2. Appropriating \$125,000 from the Road Circulation Fund and \$200,000 from the Sierra College Boulevard Fund to the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project #20-01; and
3. Authorizing the expenditure of a construction budget in the amount of \$1,630,000; and
4. Authorizing the Town Manager to execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder if their bid is within the construction budget.

### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

The Circulation Elements of the General Plans for both the Town of Loomis and the City of Rocklin classify Sierra College Boulevard as an arterial, with bike lanes and an ultimate cross-sectional, six-lane configuration south of Taylor Road.

As part of the Costco development, Costco will widen Sierra College Boulevard along their frontage to provide a bike lane and third northbound travel lane between Granite Drive and Brace Road. A new signalized intersection with dedicated turn lanes will also be constructed, serving as an entrance to Costco from Sierra College Boulevard.

From Brace Road to Taylor Road, the widening of Sierra College Boulevard to six lanes with bike lanes is the Town's responsibility and has been identified as a Town-funded Capital Improvements Project since 2019. The completion of the road widening work also satisfies one of the traffic mitigation measures identified in the Costco Mitigation Monitoring Plan that was adopted as part of the Environmental Impact Report. Required, is additional left-turn lane storage capacity on northbound Sierra College Boulevard and westbound Taylor Road, which will be built by removing center median buffers.

Staff is requesting that the Town Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for sealed bids from qualified contractors for this work. A copy of the project plans and specifications are available at the Town Clerk's office for review. An exhibit showing the limits of the project is included as Attachment B. The Engineer's Estimate for the construction improvements is \$1,500,000.

### Schedule:

Staff has heard from construction professionals that there could be up to a 6-to-9-month delay in getting traffic signal poles, and related signal equipment. There is also the strong likelihood that nesting birds will be found in the riparian habitat within, or adjacent to, the project limits, which may lead to project delays. The project is therefore being planned with a three-phased approach.

The first phase will initiate the order for the long lead-time, signal equipment items, while the clearing and grubbing takes place. Three months is allowed for this phase, to ensure enough time to start, stop and return, while mitigating for nesting birds. The second phase will widen the road and install temporary traffic signal improvements, if necessary, to make the road operational. The third phase will complete the traffic signal improvements once the long lead-time items have arrived. Given this, the anticipated dates for project delivery are as follows:

Award Construction Management Contract	January 10, 2023
Approve CEQA/Authorize Advertisement for Bids	February 2023
Open Bids / Award Contract	March 2023
Order Long Lead Time Items (Signal Poles)	April 2023
Start Construction (Clearing and Grubbing)	April - June 2023
Continue with Construction (Road Widening)	July – September 2023
Finish Construction (Traffic Signal Improvements)	January 2024

### CEQA Requirements

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project to be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The IS/MND is recommended for adoption as part of the February 14, 2023 Town Council Agenda along with a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that will be incorporated into the project as project requirements. Following adoption of the IS/MND, a Notice of Determination will be filed with the Placer County Records Office.

### Financial and/or Policy Implications

To award the proposed project with roughly a 10% project contingency, a total construction budget of \$1,630,000 is recommended. The FY 2022-23 CIP budget for the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project #20-01 included \$1,525,000 in funding. From these funds, a contract was awarded to Coastland | DCCM in the amount of \$220,000 to provide construction management and inspection services for the project. This leaves \$1,305,000 in unencumbered project funding. An additional appropriation of \$325,000 will allow for a construction budget of \$1,630,000. It is recommended that appropriations be made in the amount of \$125,000 from the Road Circulation Fund (324) and \$200,000 from the Sierra College Boulevard Fund (324.3). Sufficient funds are available from the unallocated balance of these Funds to cover the recommended appropriations.

### Attachment

- A. Resolution
- B. Project Limits

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SIERRA COLLEGE BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT #20-01, APPROVING \$325,000 IN PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS, AUTHORIZING A \$1,630,000 CONSTRUCTION BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IF BIDS ARE WITHIN BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town has identified the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project as a needed capital improvement in the FY 2022-23 CIP budget, to widen Sierra College Boulevard from four lanes to six lanes between Brace Road and Taylor Road; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with procedures defined in the Public Contract Code, the Public Works Department has prepared plans, specifications and an estimate for the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project and is ready to advertise the project for bids; and

WHEREAS, the recommended construction budget, which consists of the anticipated construction contract amount plus construction contingencies is \$1,630,000; and

WHEREAS, \$325,000 will need to be budgeted to fully fund the project; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that \$125,000 be appropriated from the Road Circulation Fund (324) and \$200,000 be appropriated from the Sierra College Boulevard Fund (324.3) to the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project #20-01; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in the Road Circulation Fund and Sierra College Boulevard Fund for the recommended appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the project will be advertised publicly, sealed bids will be accepted and opened by the Town Clerk, and if the lowest responsive and responsible bid is found to be within the approved construction budget, it is the intent of the Town Council to allow staff to proceed with awarding and administering the construction of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis hereby:

- 1. Approves the plans and specifications and authorizes the solicitation of bids for the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project #20-01.
2. Appropriates \$125,000 from the Road Circulation Fund and \$200,000 from the Sierra College Boulevard Fund to the Sierra College Boulevard Widening Project #20-01.
3. Authorizes the expenditure of a construction budget in the amount of \$1,630,000.
4. Authorizes the Town Manager to execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder if their bid is within the construction budget.

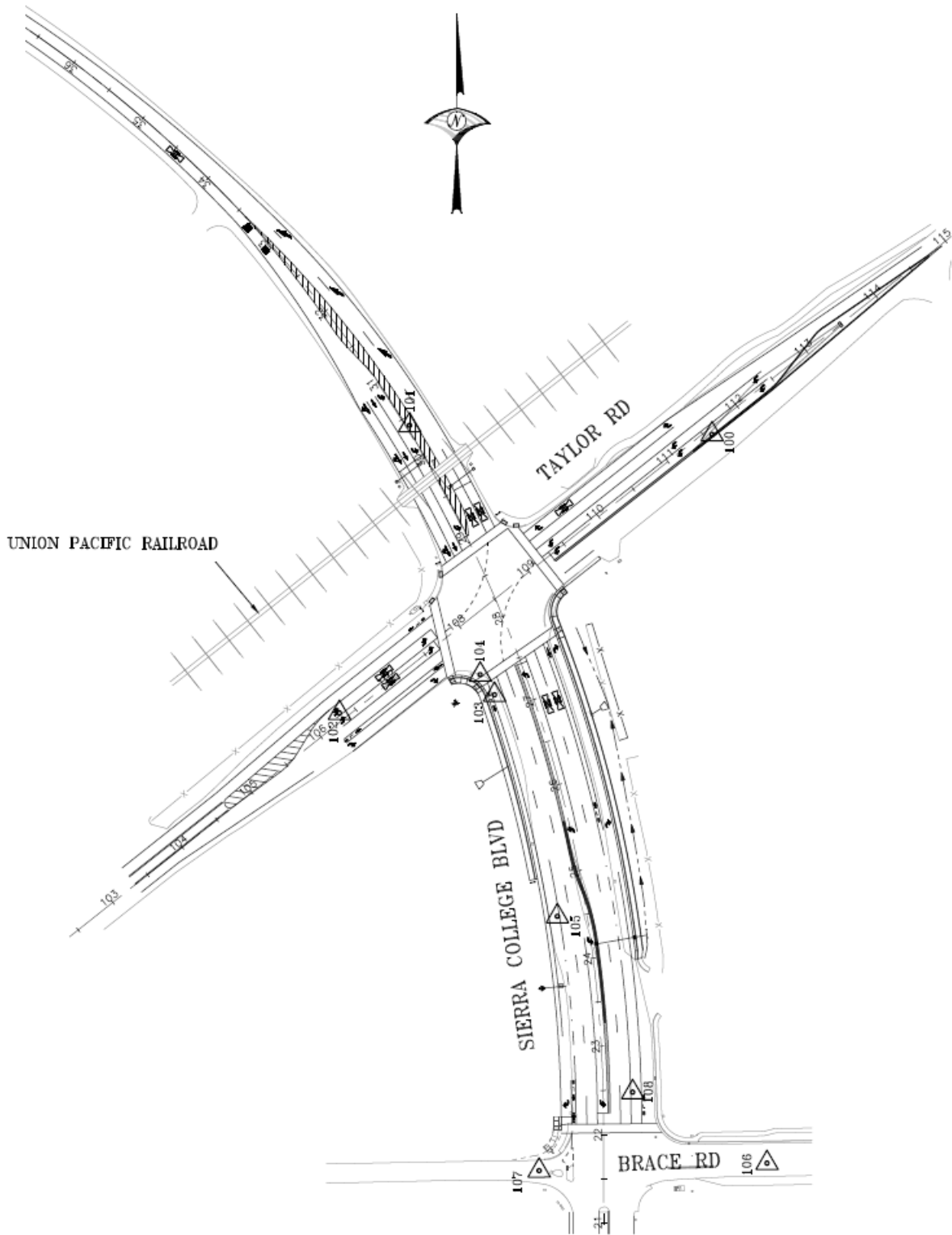
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy Town Clerk



SITE PLAN