

**Calaveras Council of Governments  
State Route 4, Wagon Trail Realignment  
Project Update Report**

**Attachment 11-b**

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**SUMMARY**

Calaveras COG is the lead agency for environmental clearance on a 5-mile portion of State Route (SR) 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp. The first step required is to amend the existing cooperative agreement between Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) and Caltrans, due to new federal funding sources paying for environmental work. The cooperative agreement amendment has now been approved by Caltrans Headquarters and will be forwarded to the Council for approval at their November meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

At the September 6, 2006 meeting, CCOG authorized offering Caltrans the funding for the Wagon Trail environmental work to go towards construction of a portion of SR 4 known as the Pool Station Curve Correction project. The purpose of the offer was to see if the funding could get a 1-mile portion of the Wagon Trail alignment constructed. During a brief meeting with Caltrans District Director Kome Ajise, Kome said he thought the funding would be best served to go toward the Wagon Trail environmental work. District 10 is preparing a response to the letter sent last month offering funding towards the Pool Station Curve Correction project.

Meanwhile, work continues on the SR 4 Wagon Trail project. The amended cooperative agreement finally met Caltrans HQ approval. The cooperative agreement amendment is expected to be on the November CCOG agenda for consideration. If the federal funding cannot be used for Pool Station Curve Correction construction, then the environmental work will proceed immediately on the Wagon Trail project.

Calaveras COG has received three federal earmarks for the Wagon Trail Realignment project. These earmarks include \$320,610 of Public Lands Highway (PLH), \$1,000,000 HPP funding and \$750,000 of PLH funding. Those projects funded under the High Priority Project (HPP) funding are only estimated to only receive 85% of the funding approved. Funding for Public Lands Highway earmark funds may also be funded at the 85% level. Additionally, the HPP funding is required to have a 20% match. \$200,000 of the \$1,060,000 2008/09 Programmed STIP funds for this project can be used as the match funds. It was also agreed that 10% of the \$200,000 (\$20,000) be used to pay for Caltrans oversight.

The proposed schedule for PA&ED work is as follows:

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Current Project Schedule</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Date Scheduled</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
• CTC approves CCOG as lead agency	CCOG	6/26/03	6/26/03
• Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans accepted <del>12/03</del>	J. Pinne	1/1/05	12/8/05
• 05/06 PLH Federal funds adopted into FTIP/FSTIP	G. Dondero	6/1/05	4/1/05
• <b>Amend Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans 5/8/06</b>	<b>S. Maas</b>	<b>11/15/06</b>	
• Advertise for consultants to prepare PA&ED Phase I	S. Maas	1/15/07	
• Open proposals to begin preparation of PA&ED Phase I	CCOG	2/20/07	
• Award consulting firm to prepare PA&ED Phase I	CCOG	3/10/07	
• Begin preparation of PA&ED Phase I	S. Maas	4/1/07	