



**SOUTH YUBA TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
915 Eighth Street, Linda Conference Room
Marysville, California**



**JUNE 2, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.
MEETING AGENDA**

Welcome to the South Yuba Transportation Improvement Authority meeting. As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones or other electronic devices, which may disrupt the meeting. The public will be given opportunity to comment on action items on the agenda when the item is heard and comments shall be limited to three minutes per individual or group.

CALL TO ORDER: Welcome. As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones or other electronic devices which might disrupt the meeting. Thank you.

I **ROLL CALL** – Directors Abe, Bradford, Messick, Pesenti

II **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** Any person may speak about any subject of concern within the jurisdiction of the authority which is not on today's agenda. The total amount of time allotted shall be limited to a total of 15 minutes and each individual or group will be limited to no more than 3 minutes. Prior to this time, speakers are requested to fill out a "Request to Speak" card and submit it to the secretary.

III **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approve meeting minutes of October 7, 2025.
- B. Receive status update on South Beale Road Railroad Grade Separation Project, and approve re-allocation funding to Dokken Engineering in the amount of \$1,250,00. to continue work on the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the South Beale Railroad Grade Separation Project.
- C. Receive status update on Beale Expressway Project, and approve funding to Dokken Engineering in the amount of \$600,000. to continue work on the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED); Direct staff to draft and negotiate a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Placer County to identify their role as a responsible agency and establish a framework for coordination with SYTIA as the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Continue to work with Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to update programming in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
- D. Approve Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

IV **BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS REPORTS**

V **ADJOURN**

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SOUTH YUBA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2025



Called to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum being present as follows: Directors Abe, Bradford, Coe, and Messick. Also present were Deputy County Counsel Kelly Smith and Board Clerk Natalie Allen. Chair Bradford presided.

I ROLL CALL – Directors Abe, Bradford, Coe, Messick – all present

II PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Henry Gilbert

III ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve meeting minutes of June 3, 2025.

MOTION: Move to approve as written

MOVED: Brian Abe SECOND: Bob Coe

AYES: Brian Abe, Gary Bradford, Bob Coe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Jon Messick

Approved via majority Vote

B. Approve amendment No. 1 with Dokken Engineering for the East Wheatland Expressway Project, refining the scope of services based on current project conditions, and authorize Chair to execute. Wheatland City Engineer Dane Schilling provided a brief recap, and responded to Board inquiries.

MOTION: Move to approve

MOVED: Jon Messick SECOND: Brian Abe

AYES: Brian Abe, Gary Bradford, Bob Coe, Jon Messick

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approved via unanimous Vote

C. Approve South Beale Road Railroad Grade Separation Project Study Report (PSR-PDS), and authorize Chair to execute; authorize Dokken Engineering for Project Approval and Environmental Documents (PA&ED) phase of the project. Public Works Director Sam Bunton provided a brief recap and introduced Dokken Engineering Senior Engineer Jacqueline Lockhart.

Jacqueline Lockhart provided a PowerPoint presentation recapping the following, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Recent activities
- Project goals
- Next Steps

MOTION: Move to approve

MOVED: Jon Messick SECOND: Brian Abe

AYES: Brian Abe, Gary Bradford, Bob Coe, Jon Messick

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approved via unanimous Vote

- D. Adopt resolution authorizing Executive Director to execute cooperative agreements with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and to conduct negotiations and execute and submit any and all further documents. Public Works Director Sam Bunton provided a brief recap.

MOTION: Move to approve

MOVED: Brian Abe SECOND: Bob Coe

AYES: Brian Abe, Gary Bradford, Bob Coe, Jon Messick

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-01 via unanimous Vote

IV BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS REPORTS – None

V ADJOURN: 4:22 pm

Chair

SECRETARY ATTEST:

MARY PASILLAS

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Approved: _____

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June 2, 2026

TO: SYTIA Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Lee, Yuba County CDSA Director *ML*

SUBJ: Presentation and Action on South Beale Road Railroad Grade Separation Project --
Fiscal 26/27 Allocation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Receive oral status report on the South Beale Road Railroad Grade Separation Project.
- 2) Approve funding re-allocation for FY 26/27 of \$1,250,000 on existing contract with Dokken Engineering to continue work on the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the South Beale Road Railroad Grade Separation Project.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2022, the SYTIA Board (Board) approved a professional services agreement with Dokken Engineering to prepare a Caltrans Project Study Report – Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) for the State Route 65/South Beale Road Interchange (now known as the South Beale Road Railroad Grade Separation Project). The agreement included authorization of the PSR-PDS tasks and allowed for the future authorization of the PA&ED phases of the project. The PSR-PDS was completed and approved by Caltrans on October 23, 2025.

On October 7, 2025, the Board approved Dokken Engineering to proceed with the PA&ED phase of the project. At that meeting, the Board allocated \$1,500,000 for FY25/26 for the advancement of the PA&ED phase. SYTIA subsequently authorized Dokken Engineering to begin the PA&ED activities in October 2025. Expenditures during FY25/26 totaled \$175,000 through April 30th and are anticipated to be approximately \$250,000 by June 30, 2026.

The main work elements and progress during FY 25/26 include the following:

- Completed the PSR-PDS and received approval through Caltrans.
- Completed the Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report (PEAR) and received approval through Caltrans.

- Received concurrence from Caltrans that the project is considered exempt under Section 21080.13 of CEQA for railroad grade separation projects that eliminate at-grade crossings and therefore may utilize a Statutory Exemption under CEQA.
- Began obtaining Permissions to Enter from property owners in the footprint of the project.
- Obtained new existing traffic counts in support of the traffic analysis.
- Initiated traffic analysis and associated approvals through Caltrans.
- Began topographic surveying and right of way base mapping.
- Began preparation of environmental technical studies.
- Obtained Permit to Enter from the Union Pacific Railroad to perform environmental field studies.

A FY25/26 budget amount of approximately \$1,250,000 was not expended and will be returned to SYTIA's programming capacity for potential reallocation to FY26/27. The full \$1,500,000 allocated was not used due to difficulties in securing permissions to enter from the 19 private properties required to initiate field surveys and subsequent environmental technical studies and engineering studies.

DISCUSSION:

The team anticipates an acceleration of activity in FY26/27 once having secured access rights to the private properties. While progress and expenditures were limited in FY25/26, the critical path activities were moved forward setting the stage for expanded progress in this coming year.

From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 we anticipate the following major progress with this recommended funding allocation.

- 1) Obtain Permit to Enters from remaining private property owners.
- 2) Complete topographic surveying and right of way base mapping.
- 3) Complete the Traffic Operations Analysis Report (TOAR) and receive approval through Caltrans.
- 4) Perform environmental field studies.
- 5) Complete the environmental technical studies in support of NEPA and receive approval through Caltrans.
- 6) Prepare the NEPA Categorical Exclusion with Caltrans as the lead agency.
- 7) Advance the engineering work that accompanies project approval.
- 8) Prepare the Project Report and attachments and receive approval through Caltrans.

FISCAL IMPACT:

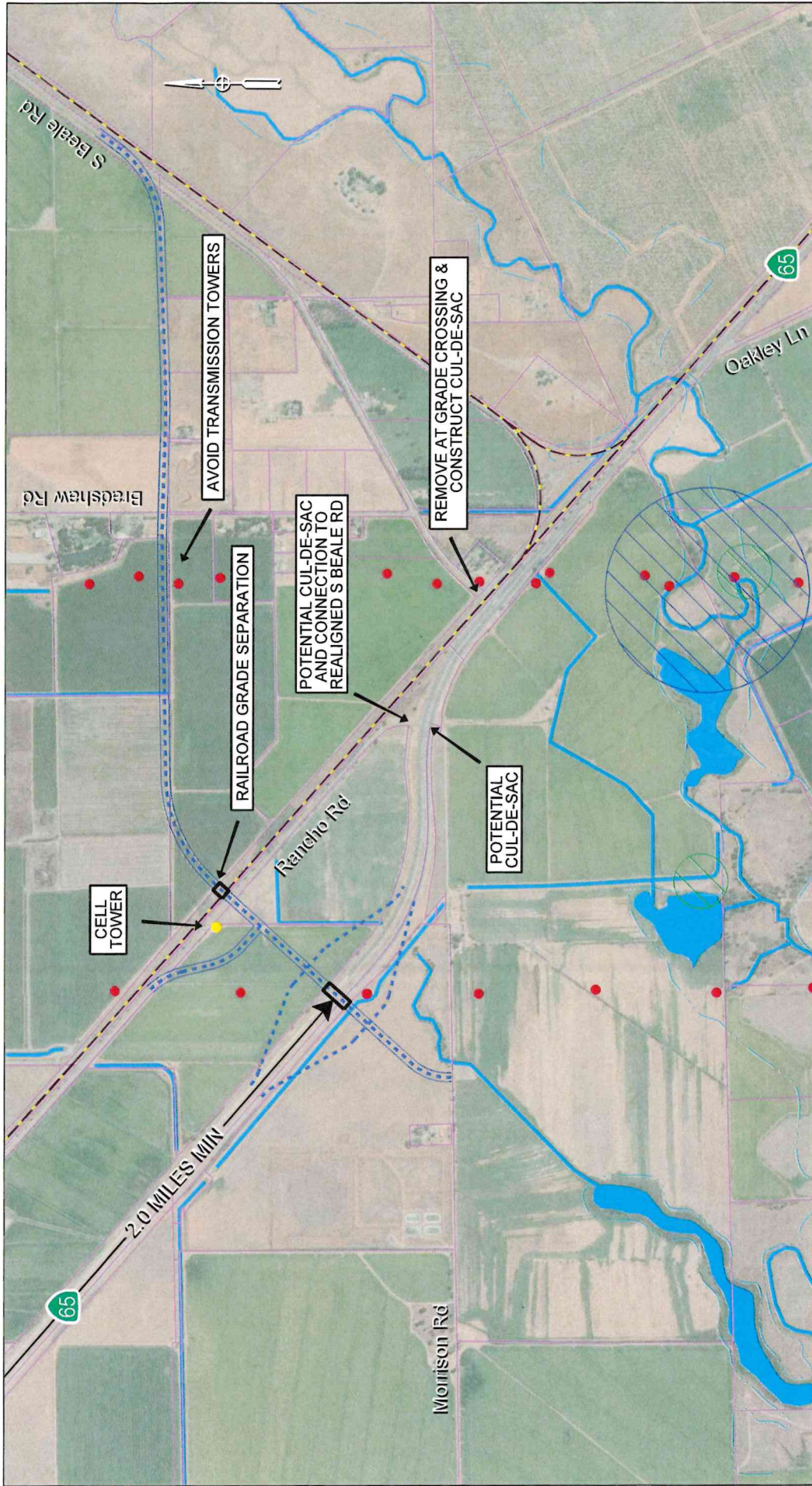
The requested re-allocation amount of \$1,250,000 is within the previously approved Dokken Engineering contract amount.

The cost of completion of the South Beale Road Railroad Grade Separation project through PA&ED is estimated at \$2.8 million. Staff will return to the Board in June 2027 for re-allocation

of the remaining funding necessary to complete Project Approval and NEPA (pending availability of funds).

Attachments:

South Beale Road Grade Separation Project Alignment Exhibit

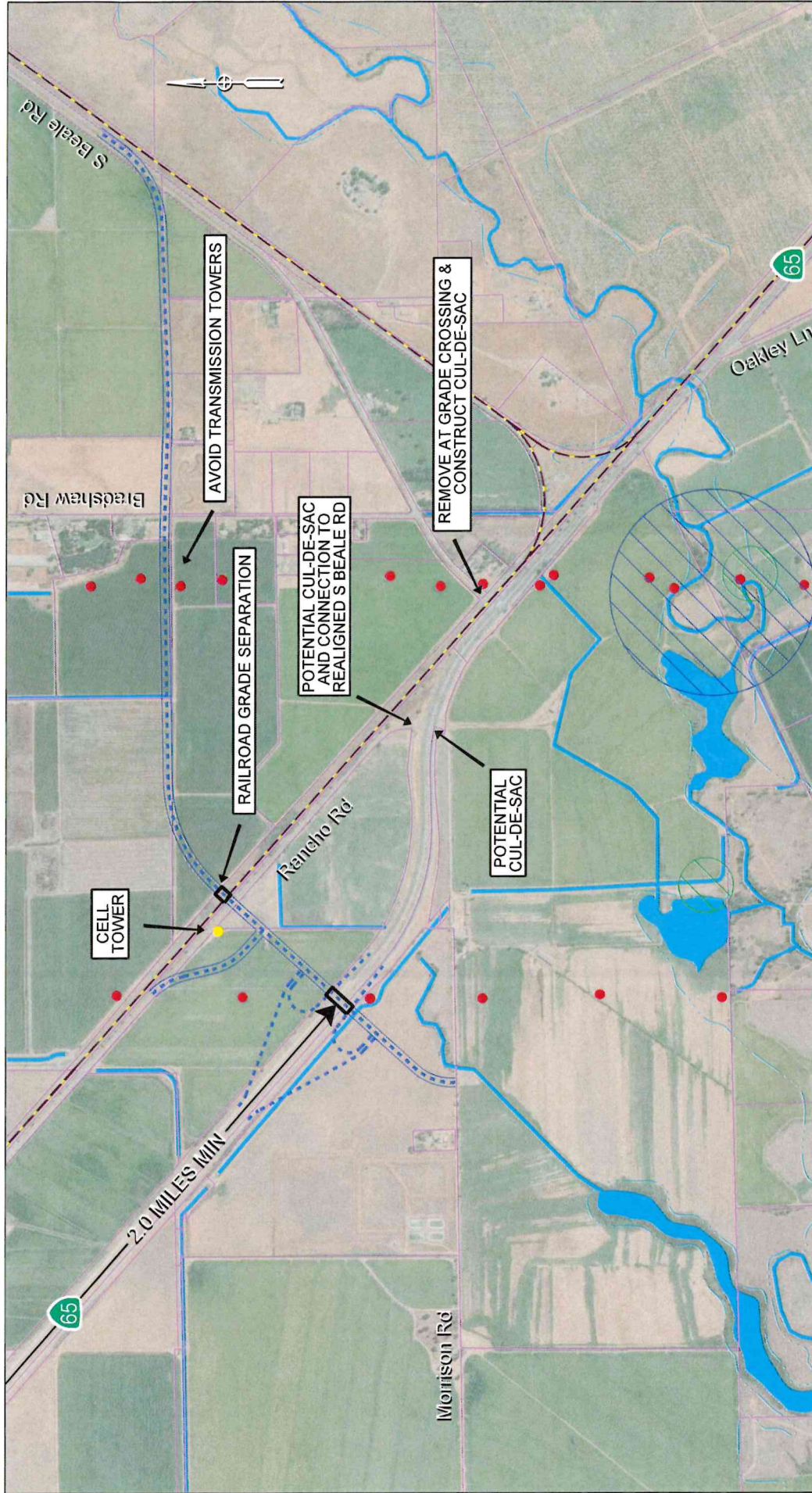


- LEGEND:**
- PROPOSED PROJECT - ULTIMATE STRUCTURES
 - RIGHT OF WAY/PARCEL LINES
 - TRANSMISSION TOWER
 - EXISTING RAILROAD
 - JURISDICTIONAL WATERS
 - FEMA FLOOD BOUNDARY
 - STATE LISTED SPECIES
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SOUTH BEALE ROAD RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT
ALTERNATIVE 1A - NORTH LAYOUT

JULY 2025



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PROJECT
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EXHIBIT
ALTERNATIVE 1B - NORTH LAYOUT

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June 2, 2026

TO: SYTIA Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Lee, Yuba County CDSA Director *ML*

SUBJ: Presentation and Action on Beale Expressway Project, Fiscal 26/27 Allocation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Receive oral status report on the Beale Expressway Project.
- 2) Approve funding allocation of \$600,000 for Fiscal Year 26/27 to continue work on the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Beale Expressway Project.
- 3) Direct staff to draft and negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Placer County to identify their role as a Responsible Agency and establish a framework for coordination with SYTIA as the Lead Agency for CEQA.
- 4) Direct staff to continue to work with SACOG to update programming in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) so this project is eligible for future grant programs.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2022, the SYTIA Board (Board) executed a professional services agreement with Dokken Engineering for the preparation a Project Study Report (PSR) for the East Wheatland Expressway Project (now known as Beale Expressway). The agreement included authorization of the PSR tasks and allowed for the future authorization of the PA&ED phases of the project. The PSR was completed and approved on June 25, 2024.

On October 7, 2025, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 with Dokken Engineering to proceed with the PA&ED phase of the project. At that meeting, the Board allocated \$500,000 for FY25/26 for the advancement of the PA&ED phase. SYTIA subsequently authorized Dokken Engineering to begin the PA&ED activities in October 2025. Expenditures are projected to total \$460,000 at the end of the current fiscal year.

The main work elements accomplished during FY 25/26 include the following:

- Obtaining Permission to Enter from property owners in the footprint of the project.
- Preparation of a Draft Memorandum of Understanding between SYTIA and Placer County.
- Began population and employment forecasting for use in the traffic study.
- Initiated existing traffic evaluations and the addition of Placer County roads to the models.
- Began topographic surveying.
- Began on-site environmental studies.

DISCUSSION:

The team anticipates an acceleration of activity in FY 26/27 with having secured access rights to the private properties and building ties with Placer County and the MOU. While progress and expenditures were limited in FY 25/26, the critical path activities were moved forward setting the stage for expanded progress in this coming year. From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 we anticipate the following major progress with this recommended funding allocation.

- 1) Completing the Traffic Study.
- 2) Completing the Environmental Technical Studies.
- 3) Preparing portions of the Draft CEQA Environmental Impact Report.
- 4) Continuing to seek a lead agency for NEPA (Caltrans, Department of Defense, or Federal Highways) to be eligible for Federal Funds.
- 5) Obtaining an approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Placer County.
- 6) Hosting an on-site Diagnostic Meeting with California Public Utilities Commission and the Union Pacific Railroad.
- 7) Advancing the engineering work that accompanies project approval.
- 8) Beginning to draft the Project Report and attachments.
- 9) Continuing to work toward SACOG accepting this project into the MTP and the MTIP.

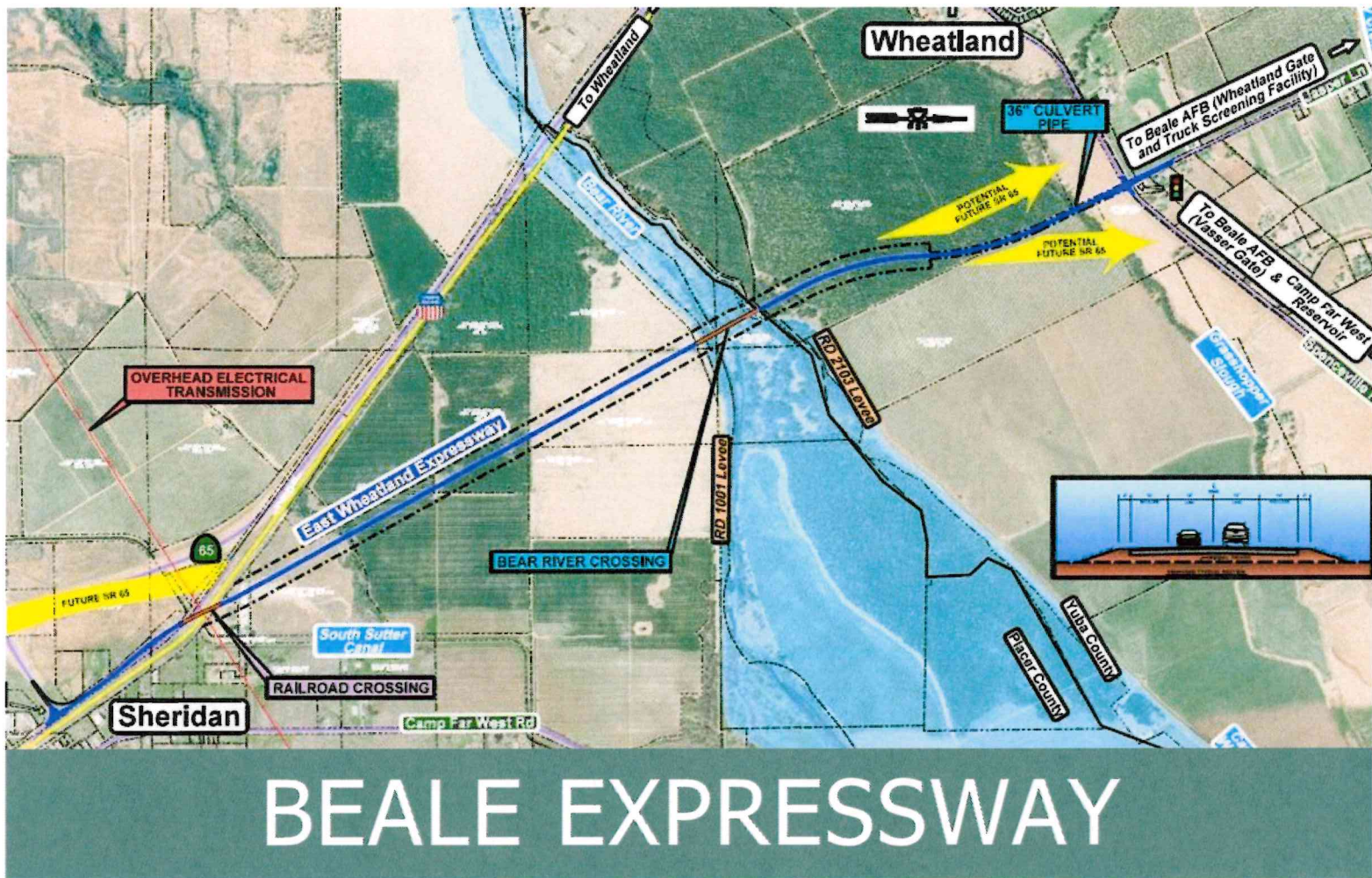
FISCAL IMPACT:

The requested allocation amount of \$600,000 is within the previously approved Dokken Engineering contract amount.

The cost of advancing the Beale Expressway through PA&ED is estimated at \$1.4 million (CEQA only). Staff will return to the Board in June 2027 for allocation of the remaining funding necessary to complete Project Approval and CEQA (pending availability of funds).

Attachments:

Beale Expressway Project Fact Sheet



Project Description

Beale Expressway (BX) is a new transportation facility that will connect northern Placer County to southern Yuba County over the Bear River. The southern connection is near the town of Sheridan, extending north to Spenceville Road just east of the City of Wheatland and south of Beale AFB. The proposed project will address a wide range of safety and traffic concerns, as well as support economic vitality and affordable housing.

Key Features

- Provides a key local connection while also serving as Phase 1 of a future SR-65 realignment around Wheatland (Wheatland Bypass).
- Will clear full width of state required right of way for portions that can be utilized for the future Wheatland Bypass.
- Constructs a Park and Ride within Sheridan which can also serve as a future transit hub, helping to attract much needed transit service for northern Placer County and southern Yuba County.



Project Details

Project Milestone: PSR-PDS Complete

Project Cost: \$110 Million*

*2024 dollars

Project Need

- **Reliable Access** - Access through the City of Wheatland and to Beale Air Force Base from the south, is currently limited to one crossing of the Bear River along SR-65. This limitation creates a challenging safety issue for emergency vehicle response time and as well as response times to the Base.
- **Adequate Evacuation Routes** - Yuba County and Nevada County Emergency Evacuation Plans both identify SR-65 as a key evacuation route, however, the existing two-lane bridge over the Bear River would experience heavy congestion in the event of an evacuation. This was proven during the 2017 evacuation of the City of Oroville.
- **High Accident Rates** - Per Caltrans data, the fatality and injury rate for the section of SR-65 from Riosa Rd in Sheridan to Main Street in Wheatland is about 50 percent higher than the statewide average, and the total collision rate is about 35 percent higher.
- **Economic Vitality and Livability** - Wheatland is bisected by SR-65 and high levels of traffic discourage residents and visitors from taking advantage of the City's amenities.
- **Access to Quality Housing for Beale** - Many Base personnel live and commute from southern Placer County due to a lack of quality housing surrounding the Base.

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To: South Yuba Transportation Improvement Authority (SYTIA)

From: Michael Lee, CDSA Director *ML*

Subject: Approve Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget

Date: June 2, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached Fiscal Year (FY) 26/27 Budget.

BACKGROUND:

At previous SYTIA meetings, your Board requested staff return with operating budgets for each FY.

DISCUSSION:

At the current pace of development, staff is anticipating SYTIA revenues for FY 26/27 in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000. This is in line with the projected revenues for FY 25/26 of \$1,400,000. As of today, the projected revenues for FY 25/26 are based on actual revenues from 10 out the 12 months.

Significant expenditures for FY 26/27 include consultant services and right of way acquisition for three SYTIA projects. These expenditures are approximated below:

Plumas Lake Boulevard Interchange Phase II:

- Right of Way Acquisition = \$260,000

South Beale Road Interchange:

- Project Approval and Environmental Documents (PA&ED) = \$1,250,000

Beale Expressway:

- Project Approval and Environmental Documents = \$600,000

Other expenditures include Project Management costs for staff to manage and administer these three projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Projected SYTIA revenues for FY 26/27 are \$1.5 million. Projected expenditures for FY 26/27 are \$2.2 million. Current projections indicate a SYTIA trust fund balance at end of FY 25/26 at approximately \$9.5 million. With the proposed expenditures and anticipated revenues, we anticipate a trust fund balance of approximately \$8.7 million at the end of FY 26/27.

Attachment 1

SYTIA Budget Fiscal Year 2026/27

Projected Carry Over Balance at FY 25/26 Year-end \$ 9,461,936

Revenues	FY 2026/27	FY 2025/26	FY 2025/26
	Annual Budget	Adopted Budget	Projected Actual @ YE
SYTIA Fees	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,398,500
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Revenue	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,398,500

Expenditures	FY 2026/27	FY 2025/26	FY 2025/26
	Annual Budget	Adopted Budget	Projected Actual @ YE
Yuba County Administrative Work (3%)	\$ 45,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 41,955
Legal Services	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Right of Way Acquisition	\$ 260,000	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 931,591
Consultant Services	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 142,284
Project Management (Yuba County & Wheatland staff)	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 20,000
Program Management (Yuba County staff)	\$ 20,000	\$ 47,200	\$ 18,828
A-87 Costs	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,225	\$ 8,975
Financial Audits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Direct Expenses (note 1)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,675
Accounting Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,237,000	\$ 4,507,425	\$ 1,167,308

Revenue to Expenditure Comparison			
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (737,000)	\$ (2,007,425)	\$ 231,192

Forecasted Balance for FY 26/27 Year-end \$ 8,724,936

Note 1: Direct expenses include postage, printing, advertising, etc...