

## **TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Title: Resolution to approve the FY2024-25 project list to be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds under Streets and Highways Code Section 2034.

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution approving the 2024-25 project list to be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds under Streets and Highways Code Section 2034.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On April 28, 2017 the Governor signed into law SB1. SB1 invests \$5.4 billion annually over the next decade to fix California's transportation system. In November of 2017 the State Controller began depositing funding into the newly created Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). A percentage of this new RMRA funding will be apportioned by formula to eligible cities and counties. The funding provides a balance of new revenues and reasonable reforms to ensure efficiency, accountability, and performance from each dollar invested in the transportation system.

To be eligible for funding the Town is required to sustain a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and may not supplant current efforts. Annually, prior to receiving funds, a proposed project list which contains the description and location, schedule for completion, and estimated useful life of the improvement must be adopted by resolution. Upon completion of the FY, a project expenditure report must be submitted to the State. RMRA funding may be used for road maintenance and rehabilitation, safety projects, traffic control devices, complete streets components, and to match State and Federal grants.

Staff has previously provided a general update on CIP projects to Council and sought general direction as to how available funding should be allocated. Previous SB1 resolutions have resulted in the completion of two curb and gutter rehabilitation projects along Meridian Blvd. In 2020 Staff utilized SB1 funding to support the construction of the Lake Mary Sidewalk project located adjacent to the brewery. Recently, SB1 funds have been used to support the rehabilitation of Laurel Mountain Rd and construction of the Chaparral extension.

**ANALYSIS:**

In 2022 Mono County committed to the Town the use of \$2.4 Million in County SB1 funds in exchange for future STIP funds. The SB1 funds have been collected by the County and are available now. This arrangement provided Mono County an equivalent amount of funding in STIP funds. Mono County had a need for available STIP funding to support a project in future years. This agreement was mutually beneficial and allowed both agencies to advance their projects. This level of collaboration with Mono County is appreciated and is indicative of the strong working relationship the agencies have. The Town continues to spend down this balance in the Chaparral project. The Town’s projected RMRA revenue for FY 23-24 is approximately \$186,133.00.

In 2023 Staff identified priority projects that address many of the Town’s current needs. These projects are ongoing, and it is recommended that 24-25 SB1 funds be used to support construction of these existing projects:

1. Chaparral Road Extension
  - a. Location: Mammoth Lakes, CA. The project will connect the northerly end of Chaparral to the new segment of Tavern Road being constructed in the parcel.
  - b. Scope: The road extension will include sidewalks, storm drains, asphalt, and multi-use paths.
  - c. Useful life: This project is expected to have a useful life of 20-30 years.
  - d. Schedule: The project was awarded in the Fall of 2022; construction began in June of 2023 and will be complete before July of 2024.
2. 2024 Road Rehabilitation Project
  - a. Location: various roads throughout the Town.
  - b. Scope includes:
    - Reconstructing up to 3.5 miles of road
    - Applying fog seal to 1.8 million square feet of roads.
  - c. Useful life: This project is expected to have a useful life of 20-30 years.
  - d. Schedule: The project will be awarded in May of 2024 and construction will start in early June of 2024 and will be complete before November of 2024.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Approval of the project list above permits the State Controller’s office to disperse funding to the Town monthly. Staff will use these funds to fully fund SB1 approved projects. Staff will return to Council with any scope changes that would require additional resources or funding.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Generally, road maintenance projects are categorically exempt from CEQA. Each project will be evaluated independently to determine if there is an impact to the environment. This analysis will be provided to Council as required and as appropriate.