

Mammoth Lakes Town Council

Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to accept the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant award for development of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Council Meeting Date: 9/3/2025

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Recommended Motion: Approve the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to accept the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Award for development of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Summary:

In January 2025, Town staff applied for a climate adaptation planning grant through Caltrans for the purpose of developing a Climate Adaptation and Action Plan (CAAP). In July, the Town was informed that our application was selected for grant funding. The Town will receive \$200,000 to develop a CAAP. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is required to provide a cash match of 11.47% (approximately \$25,807) toward the total cost of the project.

Among municipalities in California, the Town of Mammoth is in a uniquely vulnerable position with regard to climate change. The Town's isolated and remote geography further exacerbate our vulnerability. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is only connected to the rest of the state by two paved roads (State Route 203 and the Mammoth Scenic Loop). The CAAP will help the Town address these vulnerabilities, and plan for adding resilience to our transportation and other infrastructure. This plan will tie into existing work that has already been completed on the General Plan Safety Element, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and Community Wildlife Protection Plan.

The Climate Adaptation Plan will also help the Town meet the State's ambitious greenhouse gas (GHG) and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction targets. The plan will apply the expertise and knowledge of a consultant to suggest mitigation strategies the Town could use to meet these goals. The plan will help inform the Town on policy changes that will put the Town on the path to meeting the state's net-zero GHG goal in 2045. The plan will also help the Town towards a path to meeting the State's 20% VMT reduction goal by 2030. This plan will tie into existing work including the Town's 2019-2027 Housing Element, the Town's Walk Bike Ride Action Plan and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's (ESTA's) Short Range Transit Plan.

Town Council action is needed to accept the grant award, before we can move forward with this project.