



## STAFF REPORT

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2012

To: Town Council

From: Town Manager

Subject: Resolution of the Town of Loomis regarding traffic impacts and mitigation fees for projects located outside of the Town limits

Date: July 30, 2012

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the attached resolution.

**DISCUSSION:**

Over the years several substantial projects located outside of the Town limits have been proposed and approved by the surrounding jurisdictions. The traffic analysis prepared for many of these projects have identified traffic impacts on roads and intersections located within the Town of Loomis. Typically, the environmental document for a particular project identifies the traffic impact, the mitigation measure necessary to reduce the impact, and a "fair share" mitigation fee that should be given to the Town of Loomis to offset the impacts. Unfortunately, the "fair share" mitigation fee is usually given by the applicant to the jurisdiction in which the project is located and not to Loomis. This is because 1) the Town of Loomis has not adopted a policy to accept and encumber such funds and 2) there are no agreements with the surrounding jurisdictions setting forth the parameters for the Town to receive and encumber such mitigation fees.

The attached resolution establishes the Town policy for accepting and encumbering the mitigation fees and to construct the identified mitigation measures when full funding is available. In addition, the Town Manager met with Placer County Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County CEO David Boesch, and Placer County Public Works Director Ken Grehm, on July 31, 2012 to review a MOU drafted by Town staff setting forth an agreement with Placer County to provide the mechanism for the Town to accept the "fair share" of traffic impact fees for projects that affect roads and intersections located in Loomis. The meeting went very well and

the draft MOU was well received by Placer County representatives. It is anticipated that the MOU could be back before Town Council at the September 11, 2012 Town Council meeting for approval.

Today's action to approve the attached Resolution is the first step in establishing the Town's commitment to accept and encumber such traffic impact fees for projects located outside the Town's jurisdiction.

**CEQA :**

Adoption of the attached resolution is exempt from CEQA. Any projects which may result from acceptance of the traffic impact fees will be evaluated for CEQA compliance.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial impacts until the future MOU with Placer County is adopted.

# **TOWN OF LOOMIS**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12 –**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS REGARDING TRAFFIC IMPACTS AND MITIGATION FEES OF PROJECTS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN LIMITS**

WHEREAS, The Town of Loomis owns and is responsible for operation and maintenance of approximately 45 miles of roadways within the Town's limits; and

WHEREAS, major projects occur each year outside of Town limits which have identified impacts on roads located within Loomis; and

WHEREAS, traffic impact fees are required for these projects to offset the traffic related impacts of the projects whose impacts are located in Loomis; and

WHEREAS, these impact fees are not given to Loomis to implement the mitigation measures identified but are given to Placer County and/or other jurisdictions where the project is physically located because there is no mechanism for Loomis to accept these fees; and

WHEREAS, Loomis desires that these fees should be given to Loomis in order for Loomis to implement the identified mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, Loomis is dedicated to working cooperatively with surrounding jurisdictions,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Loomis does hereby proclaim that any fair share portion of traffic impact fees related to traffic impacts on roads within Loomis jurisdiction shall be placed in Loomis accounts encumbered to perform the mitigation measures for such identified impacts. Further, such funds shall only be used to mitigate the identified traffic impacts to Loomis roads.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Sandra Calvert, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk