Town of Mammoth Lakes

Planning & Economic Development Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: July 13, 2022

AGENDA TITLE: Consideration of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and adopt a resolution finding the CIP consistent with the General Plan

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:
Public Works - Haislip Hayes, PE Public Works Director

OBJECTIVE:
1. Staff recommends the Planning & Economic Development Commission receive a presentation on the draft 5-year CIP and confirm by resolution that the CIP is consistent with the General Plan.

KEY ISSUES:
1. Is the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Plan consistent with the General Plan?
2. Is the proposed project consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Town's current CIP program sets out a long-term capital improvement program budget for the Town. The complete CIP document identifies funding sources and capital projects to be funded each year for the next five (5) fiscal years (FY 2022/23 – 2026/27). Final approval of the CIP project priorities and projected funding amounts will be an action taken by the Town Council. The purpose of this staff report is to allow the PEDC to review the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and determine if the CIP is consistent with the General Plan. On March 2, 2022, Staff presented the CIP and took comments from the PEDC. The PEDC requested that real time transit information and a shelter for the Lakes Basin Trolley be prioritized in the 5-year program. Additionally, the PEDC requested that long-range priorities include childcare, wayfinding, mobility improvements, sidewalks, storm drains, and an events site. A number of these requests have been and advanced in the 22/23 program. The 22/23 CIP uses the same format as last year and includes project summaries and project categories that align with Council strategic goals. Staff presented the CIP to Town Council on March 16, 2022, and the Council provided general consensus on the plan, procedures, and projects. The CIP was reviewed and funded as part of the June 8, 2022, budget presentation. Prior to adoption of the CIP by the Town Council the PEDC must first find the CIP consistent with the General Plan.

ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES:

1. Can findings be made to determine that the proposed 5-year CIP is consistent with the General Plan?

   Government Code Section 65401 requires the Town planning agency (PEDC) to review and report on proposed CIP projects for conformity with the General Plan. The PEDC's review and assessment will be provided to the

Town Council to facilitate final approval of the document. The CIP as proposed meets a number of goals and objectives outlined in the General Plan as summarized below.

- Economy
    - E.1.G Develop facilities that support commercial and charter air service.
- Community Design
    - C.3. Goal: Ensure safe and attractive public spaces, including sidewalks, trails, parks and streets
- Land Use
    - L.2. Goal: Substantially increase housing supply available to the workforce
- Mobility
    - M.3. Goal: Emphasize feet first, public transportation second, and car last in planning the community transportation system while still meeting level of service standards
    - M.4. Goal: Encourage feet first by providing a linked year-round recreation and commuter trail system that is safe and comprehensive
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    - M.7 Maintain and improve safe and efficient movement of people, traffic, and goods in a manner consistent with the feet first initiative.
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation
    - P.1. Goal: Maintain parks and open space within and adjacent to town for outdoor recreation and contemplation
    - P.4. Goal: Provide and encourage a wide variety of outdoor and indoor recreation readily available to residents and visitors of all ages.
    - P.5. Goal: Link parks and open space with a well-designed year-round network of public corridors and trails within and surrounding Mammoth Lakes
- Public Safety
    - S.2. Goal: Keep Mammoth Lakes a safe place to live, work and play
    - S.3. Goal: Minimize loss of life, injury, property damage, and natural resource destruction from all public safety hazards.
- Solid Waste
    - R.9. GOAL: Reduce volume of solid waste.
- Arts, Culture, Heritage and Natural History
    - A.3. Goal: Encourage public art and cultural expression throughout the community.

Additionally, the CIP aligns the Community Vision and Town Council Strategic Priorities adopted on May 19, 2021. Major projects included in the FY2022/23 CIP include investments in sidewalks, multi-use paths, street rehabilitation, drainage facilities, general facilities, and parks and recreation improvements. A full list of projects is included in **Table 1.** This table correlates the General Plan goals or policies to each project. As described in the draft PEDC Resolution (Attachment 2), staff found that the 5-year CIP is consistent with the General Plan.

2. Is the proposed project consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

Staff has determined that determining CIP consistency with the General Plan is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and therefore, not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Staff finds that the 5-year CIP is consistent with the General Plan and recommends that the Planning and Economic Development Commission adopt the attached Planning and Economic Development Commission Resolution, making the required CEQA findings and General Plan consistency findings.

Attachments:

1. Table 1 – 5-year CIP General Plan Consistency
2. PEDC Resolution 22-