

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 25, 2024

FROM

NOEL CASTILLO, Director, Department of Public Works – Transportation

SUBJECT

Capital Improvement Program Project and Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Pine View Drive and Blue Water Channel Improvements Project in the Big Bear Area

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve the Capital Improvement Program – Pine View Drive and Blue Water Channel Improvements Project in the amount of \$8,000,000.
 2. Approve the use of up to \$8,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Pine View Drive and Blue Water Channel Improvements Project.
 3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post the necessary budget adjustments, as detailed in the Financial Impact Section (Four votes required).
- (Presenter: Noel Castillo, Director, 387-7906)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

**Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.
Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Pine View Drive and Blue Water Channel Improvements Project (Project), also referred to as the Big Bear Flood Mitigation Project, will be funded with San Bernardino County (County) allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, which provides reimbursement of up to \$8,000,000 for eligible costs. The County’s ARPA team has reviewed this Project and determined it meets the ARPA requirements and is eligible for funding. The following budget adjustments are necessary to establish the project budget and transfer funds into the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works (Department) 2024-25 Road Operations budget (6650002000 H15190):

Cost Center	Commitment Item	Description	Action	Amount
6650002000	40509194	ARPA Recovery Fund Distribution	Increase	\$8,000,000
6650002000	52002445	Other Professional & Specialized Services	Increase	\$8,000,000

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Project is intended to alleviate flooding impacts to the community and in the unincorporated area south of Big Bear Airport, along Pine View Drive and Sugarloaf Boulevard, that may occur during rainstorms and from snowmelt runoff. The Project involves the construction of channel improvements in the Blue Water Channel just south of the Big Bear Airport and will include work to rehabilitate the pavement on Pine View Drive from Fairway Boulevard south to Sugarloaf Boulevard. The Project will also improve the existing Blue Water Channel to increase the amount of recapture of surface runoff and reduce the potential for overflows onto the airport run/taxiway. Channel improvements include widening the channel bottom and side slopes will be concreted. Also, construction of the Blue Water Channel bioswale will manage and recapture stormwater, providing a greater level of flood protection for the public and properties impacted by flooding in the area. Pavement rehabilitation along Pine View Drive from Fairway Boulevard south to Sugarloaf Boulevard includes a section of cross-gutter longitudinal to the road and is intended to direct flows away from residential properties in the area. Channel improvements coupled with pavement rehabilitation along Pine View Drive will improve drainage in the unincorporated area of Big Bear south of the Big Bear Airport.

Additionally, to further address flooding in the unincorporated Big Bear area, the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (District) submitted a Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in January 2023. The District's application, if successful, would use funds to develop the Big Bear Master Plan of Drainage (Plan). The Plan would develop and prioritize flood control mitigation projects for the area. Currently, the application status has been Identified for Further Review by FEMA. The District should receive final determination of grant award later this year.

The Project was identified by the County's ARPA team as being eligible for ARPA funding and is consistent with the County's Recovery Fund Spending Plan that was approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on June 8, 2021 (Item No.121).

The Department will return to the Board for the Project's environmental findings, approval of the plans and specifications, authorization to advertise for competitive bids, and ultimately award of the construction contract.

This action meets the County and the Chief Executive Officer's goals and objectives of ensuring the development of a well-planned, balanced, and sustainable County and providing for the safety, health and social service needs of County residents by preserving and improving the structural integrity of existing flood control facilities.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 24, 2024; Finance (Jessica Trillo, Administrative Analyst, 387-4222 and Guy Martinez, ARPA Compliance Officer, 387-5428) on May 23, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 24, 2024.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr.
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY  _____
DATED: June 25, 2024



cc: File - Transportation w/ attachment
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