

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

September 12, 2023

FROM

BRENDON BIGGS, Director, Department of Public Works – Transportation

SUBJECT

California Environmental Quality Act Finding, Plans, and Specifications for the Cactus Avenue and Easton Street Project in the Rialto Area

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Find that the Cactus Avenue and Easton Street Project in the Rialto area is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301(c) Class 1 (existing facilities) and Section 15332(d) Class 32 (in-fill development projects).
2. Approve the Cactus Avenue and Easton Street Project in the Rialto area as defined in the Notice of Exemption.
3. Approve plans and specifications for the Cactus Avenue and Easton Street Project in the Rialto area, as signed and sealed by a registered civil engineer.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to advertise the Cactus Avenue and Easton Street Project in the Rialto area for formal bids.
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to file and post the Notice of Exemption.
(Presenter: Brendon Biggs, 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.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Cactus Avenue and Easton Street Project in the Rialto area (Project) will be funded with City of Rialto (City) funds and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds. Sufficient appropriation and revenue are included in the Department of Public Works (Department) 2023-24 Road Operations budget (66500002000 17H15228) and will be included in future recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Project involves constructing new curb ramps in accordance with current design standards and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and installing traffic signals at the intersection of Cactus Avenue and Easton Street. Minimal work for the Project will be done outside of existing right-of-way and will require permission from property owners; however, no acquisitions will be required.

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This Project was prioritized by the Board of Supervisors (Board) as part of the 2019-20 SB1 RMRA project list, which was approved on April 30, 2019 (Item No. 53). Updates to existing ADA compliant curb ramps or installation of new ADA compliant curb ramps for the Project are required under the federal “2013 Department of Justice/Department of Transportation Joint Technical Assistance on the Title II of the ADA Requirements to Provide Curb Ramps when Streets, Roads, or Highways are Altered through Resurfacing” guidelines.

The Department’s environmental staff has reviewed this Project and determined that a categorical exemption in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15301(c) Class 1 and Section 15332(d) Class 32 is appropriate. The Class 1 exemption allows for repair and maintenance activities on existing roads, sidewalks, gutters, and similar facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The Class 32 exemption allows for projects characterized as in-fill development and is intended to promote infill development within urbanized areas. When the Board considers the environmental finding, the filing and posting of a Notice of Exemption is recommended.

The Project aligns with the County and the Chief Executive Officer’s goals and objectives of ensuring development of a well-planned, balanced, and sustainable County by preserving and improving the structural integrity of existing road surfaces and access for pedestrians, including those with disabilities.

The Project specifications include an allowance in the amount of \$35,000 for unforeseen differing site conditions associated with utility conflicts and/or soil conditions.

PROCUREMENT

The Project will be advertised to invite formal bids in accordance with Section 22037 of the California Public Contract Code. The Department anticipates returning to the Board for an award of the construction contract in Fall 2023.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on August 11, 2023; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on August 25, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on August 27, 2023.

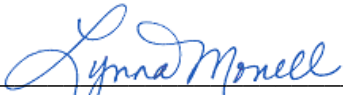
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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: September 12, 2023



cc: PW/Trans - Biggs w/CEQA & receipt
File - Transportation w/CEQA & receipt w/CD w/map
CCM 09/25/2023