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

January 14, 2025

<u>FROM</u>

NOEL CASTILLO, Director, Department of Public Works – Transportation

<u>SUBJECT</u>

California Environmental Quality Act Finding and Specifications for the Citrus Street and Other Roads Project - Phase I

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Find that the Citrus Street and Other Roads Project Phase I 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 15302(c) Class 2 (replacement or reconstruction).
- 2. Approve the Citrus Street and Other Roads Project Phase I as defined in the Notice of Exemption.
- 3. Approve the specifications for the Citrus Street and Other Roads Project Phase I, as signed and sealed by a registered civil engineer.
- 4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to advertise the Citrus Street and Other Roads Project Phase I for formal bids.
- 5. Direct the Department of Public Works to file and post the Notice of Exemption in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act.

(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 additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). It is anticipated the Citrus Street and Other Roads Project - Phase I (Project) will be funded with Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) revenue, County Infrastructure General Fund Reserve (Reserve), and by the City of San Bernardino. The Department of Public Works (Department) will return to the Board of Supervisors (Board) to request any necessary budget adjustments and to allocate funding from the Reserve concurrently with the award of the construction contract, at a future date.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Project consists of three phases over approximately 21 miles of road in the San Bernardino, Del Rosa, and Highland areas. Phase I will consist of 10 miles and be located in the San Bernardino area. The work will involve pavement reconstruction, mill and overlay, and replacing damaged sidewalks. All work for the Project will be done within the existing right-of-way.

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This Project was prioritized by the Board as part of the 2020-21 SB1 RMRA project list, which was approved on April 21, 2020 (Item No. 45).

On October 26, 2021 (Item No.47), the Board approved a cooperative agreement between the County and the City of San Bernardino, which includes funding participation from both parties.

On October 17, 2022, the Department's environmental staff 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 15302(c) Class 2 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 2 exemption allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. When the Board considers the environmental finding, the filing and posting of a Notice of Exemption is recommended.

The Project includes an allowance in the amount of \$95,500 for unforeseen subgrade stabilization and utility conflicts.

This 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 and providing for the safety of County residents by preserving and improving the structural integrity of existing road surfaces and improving pedestrian access.

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 Spring 2025.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on December 13, 2024; Finance (Kathleen Gonzalez, Administrative Analyst, 387-5412) on December 18, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker and Stephenie Shea, Deputy Executive Officers, 387-5423) on December 27, 2024. California Environmental Quality Act Finding and Specifications for the Citrus Street and Other Roads Project - Phase I January 14, 2025

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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

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DATED: January 14, 2025



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