



San Bernardino County

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

November 15, 2022

FROM

BRENDON BIGGS, Director, Department of Public Works - Transportation

SUBJECT

California Environmental Quality Act Finding for the Fontana Avenue and Valley Boulevard Project in the Fontana Area

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Find that the Fontana Avenue and Valley Boulevard Project in the Fontana 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 15302(c) Class 2 (replacement or reconstruction).
2. Approve the Fontana Avenue and Valley Boulevard Project in the Fontana area as defined in the Notice of Exemption and 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Fontana Avenue and Valley Boulevard Project in the Fontana area (Project) will be funded with Gas Tax funds and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds. The requested actions are administrative in nature with minimal financial impact. Sufficient appropriation and revenue are included in the Department of Public Works (Department) 2022-23 Road Operations budget (66500002000 34H15064) and will be included in future recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Project involves approximately three miles of pavement rehabilitation on Fontana Avenue and Valley Boulevard, repairing sidewalks at various locations, updating existing curb ramps in accordance with current design standards and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines and installing a pedestrian push button assembly. The Project will require the acquisition of additional right-of-way, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) as a separate item at a future date.

The Project was prioritized by the Board as part of the 2021-22 SB 1 RMRA project list approved on June 22, 2021 (Item No. 68). Updating of existing ADA compliant curb ramps or installation of new ADA compliant curb

ramps in the Project area are required for the subject road improvements 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 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 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.

PROCUREMENT

The Department plans to bring the Project’s plans and specifications, as well as a recommendation to advertise for competitive bids, to the Board for consideration in Spring 2023.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on October 20, 2022; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on October 29, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on October 31, 2022.