



San Bernardino County

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

September 13, 2022

FROM

BRENDON BIGGS, Director, Department of Public Works - Transportation

SUBJECT

California Environmental Quality Act Finding for Southwest Del Rosa Area Americans with Disabilities Act Ramps Project

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Find that the Southwest Del Rosa Area Americans with Disabilities Act Ramp Project 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 Southwest Del Rosa Area Americans with Disabilities Act Ramp Project 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 additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Southwest Del Rosa Area Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramp Project (Project) is funded with Discretionary General Funding allocated for the Department of Public Works (Department) annual Maintenance of Effort requirement and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) revenue. The requested actions are administrative in nature with minimal financial impact. Sufficient appropriation and revenue are included in the Department's 2022-23 Road Operations budget (6650002000 20H15033).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Project involves constructing new and replacing existing curb ramps at 39 locations in the Del Rosa area in accordance with current design standards and pursuant to the ADA guidelines. Other improvements include reconstruction of sidewalks, driveways, spandrels, cross gutters, and minor street improvements, as needed. Certain areas will also require root pruning and the installation of a 24" root barrier to protect sidewalks from future damage. All work for the Project will be done within the existing right-of-way.

This Project was prioritized by the Board of Supervisors (Board) as part of the 2020-21 SB1 RMRA project list,

which was approved on April 21, 2020 (Item No. 45). 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 Americans with Disabilities Act 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.

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 improving access for all 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 in Spring 2023.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on August 16, 2022; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on August 26, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on August 29, 2022.