

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Dept.

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Agreement to provide a "Gap Closure" project on State Route 79 between Thompson Road and Hunter Road.

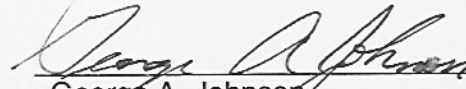
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve the attached Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Agreement between the County of Riverside and CH2MHILL, and authorize the Chairman to execute same.

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Department is in the process of constructing four new signals on State Route 79 (between Hunter Road and Thompson Road), to be located at the intersections of Thompson Road, Benton Road, Auld Road and Hunter Road. The current status of the four signals is as follows:

- Auld Road: Construction is complete.
- Thompson Road: Under Construction.
- Hunter Road: Advertised for Construction.
- Benton Road: In Final Design.

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George A. Johnson
Director of Transportation

FINANCIAL DATA:

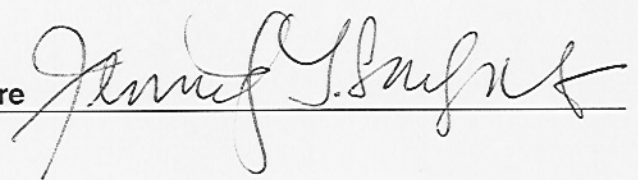
CURRENT YEAR COST	\$ 121,548.51	ANNUAL COST:	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / No
		BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY:	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Southwest Area R & B Benefit District

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature



FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

FEB 25 2003

BY: 

Policy

Consent

Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

Prev. Agn. ref.

Dist. 1st and 3rd

AGENDA NO.

3.14

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services Agreement to provide a "Gap Closure" project on State Route 79 between Thompson Road and Hunter Road.

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Each of the four signals have been designed to provide four through travel lanes and turning pockets. The four projects have resulted in a section of road that transitions from a two-lane road to a four-lane road and back to a two-lane road four times in a segment of roadway approximately two miles long. The preliminary engineering and environmental services proposed by this Agreement will provide for improvements to close the gaps between the signals and eliminate the transitions. Once done, this "gap closure" project will provide for a continuous four through travel lanes between Thompson and Hunter Roads. Caltrans is currently working on a project to construct the four-lane roadway from Thompson Road north to Domenigoni Parkway.

The attached Agreement and Scope of Services calls for the consultant to also obtain the anticipated permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the State Department of Fish and Game. This scope does not include final engineering design, which will either be done under a contract amendment for the Board's consideration, or by our in-house design staff.

CH2MHILL was selected as the firm to provide the needed services and a not to exceed fee of \$121,548.51 was developed through negotiations. CH2MHILL is on the Transportation Department's pre-qualified list for services, based on qualifications and interview process involving staff from Caltrans, the City of Riverside, CVAG, RCTC, and County Transportation Department staff. This firm is also under contract with RCTC for the SR 79 Realignment Study for the section north of Domenigoni Parkway, and with the County for the environmental services for Clinton Keith Road between SR 215 and SR 79. As such, they are very familiar with the project area, and familiar with the requirements of Caltrans and the regulatory agencies for this area. The environmental documentation will be proceeding at an accelerated schedule, anticipated to be completed by August 2003.