

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



FROM: Supervisor Bob Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 8, 2003

SUBJECT: Van Buren Boulevard Safety Improvements

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors join me to approve the following actions:

- 1) Direct the Transportation Department to install immediate safety improvements as described below. Request that the Department monitor and evaluate the improvements for effectiveness, and work with my office to identify and implement other beneficial immediate improvements.
- 2) Authorize the use of First District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30556 in the amount of \$50,000 for the installation of immediate safety improvements on Van Buren Boulevard as identified below.
- 3) Direct the Executive Office to transfer \$50,000 from the First District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30556-1103500000 to Mitigation Operations Fund No. 22550;
- 4) Direct the Executive Office to transfer \$50,000 from Mitigation Operations Fund No. 22550-1103500000 to the Transportation's Department's Special Revenue Fund for Capital Projects No. 20000-3130500000.

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1st District Supervisor**

FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST	\$50,000	ANNUAL COST:	\$	
NET COUNTY COST	\$	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	Yes/	No/ X
		BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	Yes/ X	No/
		FY:	02/03	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 1st District Developer Agreement Public Facilities Fund

Department Recommendation: Policy Policy
 Per Executive Office: Consent Consent

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- 5) Direct the Auditor-Controller to adjust the Transportation department's FY 2002/2003 Budget as follows:
- Increase Appropriations, Fund No. 20000-3130500000-527980 \$50,000
 - Increase Revenue, Fund No. 20000-3130500000-777170 \$50,000

BACKGROUND: On February 25, 2003 the Board approved the Van Buren Raised Median Safety Project. This project consists of construction of a raised concrete median along a section of Van Buren Boulevard, both in unincorporated Riverside County and in the City of Riverside. The median will be constructed between Washington Street and Wood Road, and between Trautwein Road and Orange Terrace Parkway. It will serve as a barrier and channelizer that controls access to adjacent businesses to minimize driveway related collisions.

The project competed for and successfully obtained Federal funding. Federal funds have been allocated for this fiscal year for the project, and we are proceeding to secure the funding allocation through the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Once the funding has been approved by the CTC, the Transportation Department will be able to bid the project. However, it should be noted that the current State budget crisis may have an impact on the CTC's approval of funds for the project.

While the State approval process moves forward, I have asked the Transportation Department to analyze traffic conditions on Van Buren Boulevard and provide a recommendation of measures that can be implemented immediately to improve safety. Their analysis has resulted in the following recommendations at locations where there has been a concentration of accidents:

- Installation of closely-spaced traffic delineators to serve as a barrier starting at Wood Road and proceeding west for about 350 feet. Installation of "Right-Turn Only" sign at driveways located in this area.
- Installation of delineators starting at Chicago and proceeding west for about 700 feet. Installation of "Right-Turn Only" signs at driveways in this area.
- Installation of "No-Left Turn" signs in effect during the p.m. peak hours (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) at two driveways just east of Washington Street.

All of these improvements are consistent and complementary to the installation of the raised concrete median, which will proceed as soon as we receive the funding allocation from the State. The improvements will be installed by the Transportation Department