

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

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FROM: TLMA/Transportation Department **SUBMITTAL DATE:** August 18, 2003



SUBJECT: Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment 39082 and approval of the State Route 79 North Widening Project, Rancho California area, Third Supervisorial District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: ADOPT a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 39082 and APPROVE the State Route 79 North Widening Project

BACKGROUND: The analysis and findings contained in the attached initial study for Environmental Assessment No. 39082 support the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. The project consists of the widening of State Route 79 North (Winchester Road) from two lanes to four lanes. The project limits are Hunter Road to Thompson Road, distance of 2.5 miles. The County of Riverside is in the process of installing five traffic signals on State Route 79 at Willows Ave, Hunter Road, Auld Road, Benton Road and Thompson Road which includes widening to four lanes through the intersections and merging back to two lanes in between the signals. The proposed project will fill in the pavement gaps between Hunter Road and Thompson Road to provide four continuous through lanes. The proposed project would also include culvert extensions to accommodate the widening and several retaining walls to keep the improvements within the existing right of way.


George A. Johnson, Director of Transportation

FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST \$2.0 mil.
NET COUNTY COST \$0


ANNUAL COST \$0
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: YES/ X NO/
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: YES/ NO/ X **FOR FY:**

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Southwest Road and Bridge Benefit District

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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

Consent
 Consent

County Executive Officer Signature 

Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

Prev. Agn. ref.

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