

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

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Dept.

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 15, 2003

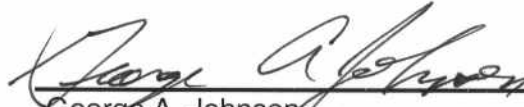
SUBJECT: Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 38967 and approval of the Widening and Extension of Newport Road, Menifee Valley/Winchester Area, Third Supervisorial District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: ADOPT a mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 38967 and APPROVE the proposed Widening and Extension of Newport Road.

BACKGROUND: The County of Riverside Transportation Department proposes to extend Newport Road as a six-lane roadway from State Route 79 westerly to Menifee Road. This project also includes the construction of three traffic signals and the realignment of Lindenerger Road and Old Newport Road where they intersect with the new alignment of Newport Road. The total length of the proposed roadway is approximately 4.3 miles. The analysis and findings contained in the attached Initial Study for Environmental Assessment No. 38967 support the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

Departmental Concurrence

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George A. Johnson
Director of Transportation

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 18,912,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2003/04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Menifee R&BBD, CFD No. 03-1	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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



County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District:

Agenda No.

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

3.44

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 38967 and approval of the Widening and Extension of Newport Road, Menifee Valley/Winchester Area, Third Supervisorial District

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The availability of Environmental Assessment No. 38967 for public review was advertised in the Riverside Press Enterprise and a Notice of Intent to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration and a copy of the Environmental Assessment No. 38967 was mailed to a number of agencies, individuals and neighbors of the project area. The public review period extended from June 27, 2003 through July 28, 2003. The Riverside County Transportation Department received a letter from the State Clearinghouse indicating that no state agencies submitted comments during the public review period, and acknowledging that the Riverside County Transportation Department has complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Riverside County Transportation Department received comments from the Soboba and Pechanga Bands of Luiseño Indians. The Department has met and discussed this project with the Tribes, and has incorporated mitigation measures that address their concerns regarding Native American cultural sites.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**


EA No. 38967

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION


Based on the Initial Study, the Transportation Department has determined that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the attached Mitigation Monitoring Matrix have been added to the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: Widening and extension of Newport Road as a six-lane roadway from State Route 79 westerly to Menifee Road. The total length of the proposed roadway is approximately 4.3 miles. Located in western Riverside County, between I-215 and SR 79, south of SR 74.

COMPLETED

By  Title Deputy Director Date 9/18/03
Juan C. Perez

REVIEWED

By  Title TLMA Director Date _____
Richard K. Lashbrook

ADOPTED

XX Board of Supervisors Person verifying adoption _____
_____ Planning Commission Date: _____

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

HEARING BODY OR OFFICER

XX Board of Supervisors
_____ Planning Commission

ACTION ON PROJECT

_____ Approval
_____ Disapproval
Date: _____

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been adopted and may be examined at the Transportation Department at the address below.

For any questions, contact Slavia B. Caric at (909) 955-6774 at the Riverside County Transportation Department, P.O. Box 1090, Riverside, California 92502-1090.

Verifying: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

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