

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 5, 2004

SUBJECT: State Highway 60 Interchange Beautification Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board make the following findings:

- 1) The proposed beautification project is of benefit to the Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project Area") because the State Highway 60 is a major Riverside County transportation artery that lies within the Project Area that is devoid of any significant landscaping and lacks aesthetic appeal;
- 2) There are no other reasonable means of financing the improvements available to the community, due to limited public funds that are insufficient to address the beautification and improvement needs;

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 Bradley J. Hudson, Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$6,600,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	04/05
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Capital Improvement Funds and Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities Program Funds.				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

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

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

APR 07 2004

County Executive Office Signature

Rhonda King

BY Lea A. Vindow

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District: 2nd

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Departmental Concurrence

Dept'l Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION (CONTINUED):

- 3) The proposed improvements will assist in the elimination of physical blighting conditions within the Project Area by significantly improving the existing landscape conditions through the removal of dead plants, shrubs, trees, weeds and debris and the installation of new trees, plants, shrubs, hardscape accents and maintenance access roads; and
- 4) The proposed facility is consistent with the Redevelopment Implementation Plan.

BACKGROUND: On November 19, 1999, the Redevelopment Agency and the Transportation Department submitted a joint application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) for funding from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities Program for the Jurupa Valley Interchange Landscaping and Beautification Project. On January 12, 2002, the RCTC approved funding in the amount of \$1,595,000, which will be reimbursed to the Agency after the completion of construction. The grant requires that the Agency fund the design of the improvements which will beautify five interchanges along the 60 freeway at Van Buren Boulevard, Etiwanda Avenue, Country Village Road, Pedley Road and Pyrite Street, in unincorporated Riverside County.

The Riverside County Department of Transportation (RCTD) staff and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) completed the environmental reviews for the landscape beautification project on October 3, 2002. Based on the evaluation of the project, the RCTD and Caltrans have determined with certainty that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment as defined by National Historic Preservation Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is therefore Categorically Exempt/Categorically Excluded.

The improvements for this project will be constructed within Caltrans right-of-way, and therefore required their approval. On February 24, 2004, the California Department of Transportation, approved the plans, specifications and construction estimates for the project. In addition, Caltrans Local Assistance also approved the Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities Obligation Package for the project.

A companion item appears on today's Board of Director's agenda.