

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 31, 2005

SUBJECT: Thermal Street Improvement Project- Finding

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors make the following findings in accordance with Section 33445 of the Health and Safety Code:

1. The proposed Thermal Street Improvement Project is of primary benefit to the Thermal Sub-Area of the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA);
2. No other reasonable means of financing the project are available to the community, as the Thermal community is low-income without private interest or funding for the proposed street improvements;
3. The proposed improvements will assist in the elimination of physical and economic blight by the improvement of the street surfaces, improved drainage, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, bus shelters, street lighting and landscaping; and
4. The proposed improvements are consistent with the Redevelopment Implementation Plan for the DCPA.

Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: (Continued on Page 2)

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	05-06

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: YES

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

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

County Executive Office Signature

Lisa Brandell

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BY *Lee A. Lincoln*

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

Agenda Number:

The Thermal Street Improvement Project has been identified as a priority community development need in the eastern Coachella Valley. The streets are in poor condition and the improvements are needed to improve the safety, function, and appearance of the community of Thermal and ultimately enhance the viability of the DCPA.

The scope of the improvement project includes widening the streets to ultimate right-of-way and installing pedestrian sidewalks, bus shelters, landscaped medians, new asphalt, new striping, curbs, gutters, monument entry signs, and decorative street lights.

Katz, Okitsu & Associates will provide complete engineering design services for the project. The cost for these services will be paid entirely from Redevelopment Agency DCPA funds.

§33445 of the Health and Safety Code provides that a redevelopment agency may assist in the design or development of improvements that are of benefit to the project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. Therefore, Agency staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors make the required findings for the Thermal Street Improvement Project.