

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

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Scott Road Widening Project - Third Supervisorial District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: ADOPTION of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 41205, APPROVAL of the proposed Scott Road Widening Project and ADOPTION of the Mitigation Monitoring Program.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Department is working on a comprehensive program to make needed circulation improvements along the Scott Road corridor. Interim ramp signalization improvements were completed in 2006 at the Scott Road / I-215 interchange. The Department is working on the environmental document and design of ultimate improvements to the interchange (including an expansion of the overpass), which is anticipated to begin construction in approximately 3-4 years. The City of Murrieta has signalized and widened the intersection of Antelope Road and Scott Road. There are a number of development projects in the approval process that will construct Scott Road to the ultimate six-lane section over time. This project will construct four lanes to provide immediate traffic relief in the most congested section of the corridor.

This project proposes to widen Scott Road to a four-lane road from immediately east of the Paloma Wash / Antelope Road to Briggs Road. The road improvements will end 1,000 feet east of El Centro Lane. At the intersections of Menifee Road, Brighton Wood Street and Briggs Road, traffic signals will be added. The existing traffic signal at the intersection of Scott Road and Lindenberger Road will be modified. Paved shoulders, intersection improvements and new drainage structures are a part of the improvements. The length of the project is 2.5 miles. The improvements will provide for better traffic flow along Scott Road.

Departmental Concurrence

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATE 5/24/07

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

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: ADOPTION of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 41205, APPROVAL of the proposed Scott Road Widening Project and ADOPTION of the Mitigation and Monitoring Program.

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BACKGROUND: (continued)

The Scott Road project was originally proposed to extend from Antelope Road to Winchester Road and both four and six-lane improvements were considered. At a public information meeting in 2004, concern was expressed over the construction of a six-lane project, and the suggestion made to limit the improvements to the western end of Scott Road, where growth and traffic were most significant. Improving Scott Road to four-lanes will provide immediate traffic relief and can serve the expected traffic demand for some time. Also, four-lane improvements can be built with less impact on adjacent residences. Therefore, the Department recommends moving forward with the four-lane improvement now.

Issues raised in the public review of the environmental document include traffic noise, drainage and access to existing commercial uses. Traffic noise is being addressed through the use of rubberized asphalt, which will provide noise attenuation consistent with County General Plan levels. Existing drainage problems are being addressed through improvements to the storm drain facilities under Scott Road. Access to existing commercial and residential uses will remain the same or be better with the proposed improvements, because a continuous two way left turn lane will be provided from east of Halebian Road to Briggs Road, and three new traffic signals will be installed.

Construction of the project is planned to begin in late 2007, and will require about nine months to complete. The cost of the project is approximately \$10 million and will be funded through the Scott Road and Bridge Benefit District and the Scott Road Community Facilities District.