

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

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 15, 2007

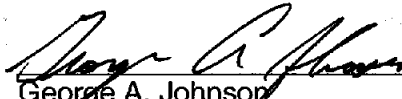
SUBJECT: Adoption of Ordinance No. 461.10

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 461.10.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Department has completed a comprehensive review and update of our Road Improvement Standards and Specifications (Ordinance 461.10). Our update process included soliciting input from other County Departments involved in the development process, the Building Industry Association, and private engineers engaged in development work. Our standards were last comprehensively updated in 1998.

The road standards have been updated to conform to the Circulation Element of the General Plan. Some of the significant changes to our road standards include:

- They reflect changes adopted in the General Plan to consistently provide wider landscape parkways on major roads, which enhance aesthetics and livability and provide an area for water quality treatment in bio-swales. Interior streets in subdivisions have been reduced in width to promote pedestrian activity and off-set the additional right-of-way requirement for major roads.
- The thickness of the asphalt road sections have been increased to account for greater and heavier truck traffic.
- Driveways and sidewalk standards have been updated to reflect the latest requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for accessibility for the disabled, including separating the sidewalk from the street (via a landscape parkway) to provide a


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REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: *Synthia M. Gunzel* DATE: 10-19-07

SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL

DATE: 10/29/07
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Departmental Concurrence

Policy

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Consent

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Dept's Recomm.:

Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref. 06/02/98, Item 3.31

District: All

Agenda Number:

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continuous path of travel to ADA standards and also a parkway area that can be used for landscaping to better separate vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

- The drainage standards have been increased to require at least one "dry lane" in each direction of travel during a 100 – year storm event on General Plan Roads, providing for safer travel for motorists and emergency response providers during a major storm event.
- A standard has been added to allow multi-purpose community trails in designated areas within the road right-of-way. This provides for complimentary design of the trail, sidewalk, and landscaping areas, and allows the use of Landscape Maintenance Districts to provide funding for on-going trail maintenance. Regional Trails are still required to be in their own easement separate from the road right-of-way.
- Street lights have been moved from behind the sidewalk to behind the curb to provide better illumination of the street and less ambient glare on adjacent properties.

It should be noted that the County has adopted specific design guidelines for certain areas (such as Vista Santa Rosa and Lakeview/Nuevo.) In those areas we will utilize variations of these standards to achieve the desired goals of the design guidelines.

These standards have been reviewed and endorsed by the Planning Commission.

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3 **ORDINANCE NO. 461.10**

4 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**
5 **AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 461 RELATING TO ROAD**
6 **IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS**

7 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Ordains as Follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1 of the Ordinance No. 461 is amended to read as follows:

9 "Section 1. For the purpose of establishing proper standards, specifications, and
10 directions for design and construction of any road, or other land division improvements,
11 required to be constructed in the unincorporated territory of Riverside County, the
12 document entitled 'County Road Improvement Standards and Specifications, Ordinance
13 No. 461, as Amended by Ordinance No. 461.10' is hereby adopted and made a part of
14 this ordinance by reference, three copies of which are on file in the Office of the Clerk of
15 this Board for use and examination by the public."

16 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the date of its adoption.
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
John F. Tavaglione

ATTEST:
Nancy Romero
Clerk of the Board
By _____
Deputy

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said
County held on _____, the foregoing ordinance consisting of _____ sections
was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

DATE: NANCY ROMERO
Clerk of the Board
BY: _____
Deputy