

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Funding agreement between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and the County of Riverside to provide roadway-widening improvements on Fred Waring Drive from Adams Street to Port Maria Road.

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half (eastbound lanes) lies within the boundaries of the City of La Quinta. Portions of this segment currently have one westbound lane. Widening of Fred Waring Drive to provide additional westbound lane(s) is of regional importance and was listed in the Measure A financing measure approved by the voters of Riverside County.

Under the terms of this agreement CVAG will fund 75% of the cost of the engineering and environmental services. The estimated cost of these services is \$700,000 with CVAG's contribution not to exceed \$525,000. The County Transportation Department will perform the services necessary to obtain environmental clearance and to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the project and is responsible for the remaining 25% of the funding (\$175,000).

On February 26, 2008 the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-139 authorizing the reimbursement of up to \$900,000 in funding from the Palm Desert Financing Authority for expenses incurred by the County for the County's share of project costs on the Fred Waring Drive widening project. Funding provided through the Palm Desert Financing Authority will be used to reimburse the County for the 25% local match required on this project.

On June 3, 2008 the Board executed an agreement with the City of La Quinta that allowed the County to install interim striping improvements on Fred Waring Drive within the City's jurisdiction. The agreement also requires that the City and County come to an agreement on the nature and scope of ultimate widening project within a 24-month period. The Transportation Department will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to fully analyze the impacts and potential feasible alternatives to enact this widening.

The project is programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program approved by the Board on December 9, 2008 (Project No. B5-0689).