

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

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency and Transportation Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
December 15, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Mead Valley Road Improvement Project Phase 3

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the Mead Valley Road Improvement Project Phase 3 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301;
2. Make the following findings:
  - a. The proposed road improvement project will benefit the Mead Valley Project Area by providing paved roadways for the community;
  - b. The proposed project will eliminate physical blight within the project area by paving several existing dirt roads;
  - c. No other reasonable means of financing the project is available due to limited funds for transportation facilities;
  - d. The improvements are consistent with the Implementation Plan for the Mead Valley Project Area, which identifies road improvements as needed public infrastructure; and

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 2,441,350	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	09/10

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:** Yes

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> I-215 Corridor Redevelopment Project Area Capital Improvement Funds – Mead Valley Sub-Area.	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**County Executive Office Signature**

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: ~~KATHERINE A. LIND~~ A. Lind 12/15/09 DATE  
Departmental Concurrence

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

3. Consents to the payments by the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside for the construction of the Mead Valley Road Improvement Project Phase 3; and,
4. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Agreement by and between the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside (Agency) and the County of Riverside in the amount of \$2,441,350 for Phase 3 of the Mead Valley Road Improvement Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

RDA staff has been working cooperatively with staff members of the Transportation Department to develop a road improvement plan that would assist in the elimination of blight and revitalize the substandard physical and economic conditions that exist within the Mead Valley community. This project will assist in eliminating blighted conditions by providing the necessary road improvements that will improve roadway conditions for the community. Many roads are in need of improvements and a priority has been developed to address this need. Phase 2 of this plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 1, 2008 and included the improvement of ten dirt roads. All roads in Phase 2 have been improved, therefore the following roads are recommended for improvement in Phase 3:

1. Oleander Street from Alexander Street to Melvin Way;
2. Woodward Street from Alexander Street to Elizabeth Street;
3. Shortridge Avenue from Clark Street to Haines Street;
4. Bailey Street from Alexander Street to Elizabeth Street;
5. Corson Avenue from Carroll Street to Day Street;
6. Kuder Avenue from Carroll Street to Day Street;
7. Hawthorne Avenue from Clark Street Easterly 2,000 feet;
8. Wells Street from Alexander Street to Brown Street; and,
9. Oakwood Street from Clark Street to Carroll Street.

The Transportation Department has determined that the project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Section 15301 (c). The project consists of paving nine existing dirt roads. The project will require no widening or very minor widening, minor changes to the vertical or horizontal profiles and no changes to existing drainage patterns or access control. The project will involve negligible expansion beyond the roads' existing use. Paving existing dirt roads has also been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the MSHCP as an operation and maintenance activity. The impacts associated with the project are limited to construction-related noise, dust, erosion control and traffic control. These impacts are routinely addressed by standard construction practices that are considered part of the project. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared and will be posted with the County Clerk once the project is approved.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and the Transportation Department and make the recommended findings so the Agency can proceed with funding the project. The work will be done by the Transportation Department using its Force Account construction crews.