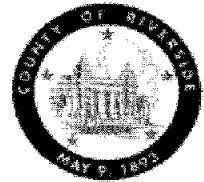


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2011-056 Resolution of Support for the State Route 91 (SR-91) Corridor Improvement Project being done by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution 2011-056, in support of the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND: The State Route 91 corridor is the most heavily traveled and congested transportation route in Riverside County. The voters in Riverside County have consistently signaled the critical importance of improving SR-91 by including this corridor in the original Measure A and Measure A extension funding plans for designated use of the 1/2 cent sales tax that goes toward transportation. Over 270,000 vehicles per day use the most congested

Juan C. Perez
Director of Transportation

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Pamela J. Walls* 2/17/11
PAMELA J. WALLS
DATE
Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2010/11

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

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

Dep't Recomm.: Policy

Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: 1, 2

Agenda Number:

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Resolution No. 2011-056 Resolution of Support for the State Route 91 (SR-91) Corridor Improvement Project being done by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

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segments of SR-91 in Riverside County. This \$1.3 billion project would be the largest construction project in Riverside County, and one of the largest in the Nation.

In addition to the enormous public benefits realized by the projected 23 minute average saving in peak-hour commute, this project will help reduce "cut-through" traffic impact from commuters that use local roads to by-pass congestion on SR-91. The SR-91 is also recognized as an absolutely critical corridor for emergency access and response to and from the Inland Empire to the South Los Angeles and Orange County areas. This project is also projected to create 1,800 annual jobs between its start and 2015.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is seeking a loan through the Transportation Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Act (TIFIA) to supplement the substantial financial contribution made by the residents of Riverside County and help to fully fund this critical project.

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-056

3 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
4 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF
5 STATE ROUTE 91 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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7 WHEREAS, Riverside County will be home to one of the largest highway construction projects to
8 commence in the State of California in nearly a decade, and one of the largest in the nation;

9 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside has been a consistent partner with the Riverside County
10 Transportation Commission in improving the State Route 91 Corridor;

11 WHEREAS, the residents and businesses of Riverside County are severely impacted by the
12 congestion on State Route 91, including but not limited to, "cut-through traffic," travel time delays to
13 reach their families, employment, customers, recreational activities, and reduced air quality;

14 WHEREAS, the average daily peak-hour commuter is estimated save 22.6 minutes round-trip as a
15 result of the construction of the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project;

16 WHEREAS, traffic on State Route 91 directly contributes to severe congestion on other freeways
17 in Riverside County such as I-15, I-10, SR-71, SR-60 and I-215;

18 WHEREAS, studies demonstrate that significant economic growth will accrue to Riverside
19 County as a result of the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project, including but not limited to, \$9.3
20 million in additional state and local government revenues, a permanent 2% increase in sales tax revenues,
21 and 1,800 added jobs per year in Riverside County between now and 2015;

22 WHEREAS, State Route 91 is absolutely critical for emergency access and response to the Inland
23 Empire to/from the South Los Angeles and Orange County areas;

24 WHEREAS, the positive benefits of the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project will
25 significantly improve the "livability" of Riverside County and the surrounding region;

26 WHEREAS, the Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP), Multi-Species Habitat Conservation
27 Plan (MSHCP), and Community Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP), are all
28 national examples of comprehensive planning and partnership with federal agencies to enable the

1 responsible growth of Riverside County;

2 WHEREAS, the Transportation Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Act (TIFIA) program was
3 created by Congress to provide credit assistance to nationally or regionally significant surface
4 transportation projects; and

5 WHEREAS, the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project requires a federal loan guarantee
6 from the TIFIA program to enable construction of the \$1.3 billion infrastructure project; and

7 WHEREAS, the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project will be built without state or
8 federal funding, relying solely on local revenues; and

9 WHEREAS, the voters of Riverside County, California have twice approved a half-cent "self-
10 help" sales tax for transportation that includes improvements to State Route 91; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in
12 regular session on March 1, 2011, that the Board of Supervisors urges the President and the Secretary of
13 the United States Department of Transportation to award a federal TIFIA loan guarantee to enable the
14 timely construction of the State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project in the interest of economic
15 competitiveness of Riverside County; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board transmit copies of this resolution to the
17 President and Vice President of the United States, to each Senator from California in the Congress of the
18 United States, and to the Secretary of United States Department of Transportation.

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22 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

23 BY: *P. Walls* 2/17/11
24 PAMELA J. WALLS DATE

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