

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Thermal Street Improvement Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445:
 - a) The Thermal Street Improvement Project will benefit the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA) by enhancing traffic circulation and helping to eliminate blighting conditions due to lack of pedestrian facilities and accessibility within the DCPA;
 - b) No other reasonable means of financing the cost of the project are available to the community due to the fact that the current economic crisis has substantially reduced the community's revenues to fund the project;
 - c) The payment of the funds for the cost of the project is consistent with the Implementation Plan for the DCPA, which calls for the construction of infrastructure improvements such as road improvements as vital for the community; and

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Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 273,890	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2010/2011

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: Yes

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Funds- Desert Communities Project Area	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: *Elizabeth J. Olson*
County Executive Office Signature Elizabeth J. Olson

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: *Samuel Wong* 3/15/11
 SAMUEL WONG
 Assistant Controller
 DATE: 4-27-11
 ANITA C. WILLIS
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: *Anita C. Willis*

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

2. Consent to the expenditure of funds by the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside for the project.

BACKGROUND: The Thermal Street Improvement Project is part of the previously Board-approved Thermal Water, Sewer, and Road Improvement Project. This component of the larger project is for the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and street paving within the Thermal Town Site. Currently only half the community has curb, gutter, and sidewalk. This project will also include some utility relocations and upgrades as necessary for the community.

The road improvements have been separated into two phases. One phase will include the Airport Boulevard and Polk Street improvements. The other phase is the Town Site Project. The second phase of the road project, which is the Airport Boulevard and Polk Street segments, will be brought before the Board of Supervisors at a later date.

The funding for the Thermal Street Improvement Project will come from Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Funds-Desert Communities Project Area and will not impact the County's General Fund. The actual cost of the project will not be known until the construction bids are received, but the engineer's estimate is \$1,540,800, which is the basis for the request.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, an environmental assessment of the impacts of the construction of all the improvements, including the town street improvements was conducted. Based on Initial Study number RDA/CEQA 2009-08, a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were prepared and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside (July 21, 2009, Item 3.5).

The attached agreement for engineering services is for continuing services to a previous agreement awarded through a Request for Proposals (RFP) to KOA Corporation. The original agreement has expired and a new agreement is required to complete services needed for the installation of both phases of the road improvements. These services are all part of the same RFP process. Counsel has reviewed and approved as to form.

The plans and specifications have been reviewed by Riverside County Transportation Department and agency counsel has approved as to form. Therefore, agency staff recommends that the Board make the findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 33445 and consent to the payments by the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside.