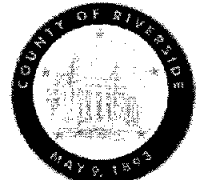


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 16, 2011

FROM: Economic Development Agency and Transportation

SUBJECT: Mead Valley Road Improvement Project Phase 4

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445:
 - a. The proposed Mead Valley Road Improvement Project will benefit the Mead Valley Sub-Area of the I-215 Corridor Redevelopment Project Area by helping to eliminate blight within the project area by providing needed street infrastructure improvements, which will enhance vehicular access and public safety;

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Juan C. Perez, Director
Transportation Department

Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 2,100,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2010/11

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: Yes

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature BY:
(Elizabeth J. Olson)

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: SAMUEL WONG
 DATE: 6/12/11
 Department:

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: MARSHAL VICTOR
 DATE: 6/12/11
 Department:

Dept's Recomm.: Consent
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent
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RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

- b. No other reasonable means of financing the project are available to the community due to the current economic crisis, which has significantly reduced the availability of county funds available to fund the project;
 - c. The payment of funds for the cost of the project is consistent with the Implementation Plan for the project area and is necessary to effectuate the purpose of the project area's Redevelopment Plan, which calls for construction of infrastructure improvements;
2. Find that the Mead Valley Road Improvement Project Phase 4 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301;
 3. Approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the attached agreement by and between the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside and the County in the amount of \$2,100,000 for Phase 4 of the Mead Valley Road Improvement Project; and
 4. Consent to the expenditure of redevelopment funds for the project.

BACKGROUND:

The Redevelopment Agency (RDA) has been working cooperatively with staff members of the County 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 1 was approved on July 31, 2007, which included the improvement of five roads in the Mead Valley area. Phase 2 of this plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 1, 2008 and included the improvement of ten dirt roads. Phase 3 of this plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 12, 2010 and included the improvement of twelve dirt roads. All roads in Phase 1, 2 as well as in Phase 3 have been improved, therefore the following roads are recommended for improvement in Phase 4:

- 1) Church Street from Clark Street to Old Elsinore Road;
- 2) Church Street from Old Elsinore Road to 800 ft. Westerly;
- 3) Jean Street from Hallet Street to Brown Street;
- 4) Sage Street from Brown Street to 1100 ft. Westerly;
- 5) Bonham Street from Alexander Street to 800 ft. Westerly;
- 6) Elmwood Street from Clark Street to Carroll Street;
- 7) Thomas Lane from Hallet Street to Brown Street;
- 8) Cedar Street from Old Elsinore Road to 1400 ft. Easterly;
- 9) Smoketree Street from Old Elsinore Road to 850 ft. Easterly;
- 10) Mack Street from Old Elsinore Road to 1000 ft. Easterly.

BACKGROUND: (Continued)

The Transportation Department has determined that the project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Section 15301 (c). The project consists of paving ten 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.

RDA staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and the County and make the recommended findings so RDA can proceed with funding the project. The work will be performed by the Transportation Department.