

**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:**  
May 31, 2012


**SUBJECT:** Transportation Highway Operations Center Replacement Project – in Principle

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve in principle the project to replace the Transportation Department's antiquated main Highway Operations Center.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 16, 2011 the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of 19.38 acres of real property in the unincorporated area of Mead Valley. The land was purchased for the eventual relocation of the main Highway Operations Center, currently located in the City of Riverside on Washington Street close to SR 91 and the Madison Interchange. This existing 15 acre site was built in 1955 and is in need of a functional upgrade, with some of the buildings dating back to that time and others added since then on an ad-hoc basis. There are 134 employees that primarily work out of this facility year-round maintaining over 2200 miles of


Departmental Concurrence

  
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Juan C. Perez, Director  
Transportation & Land Management  
initials  
RF/JCP:dlp

  
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Robert Field  
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA  
By: Lisa Brandl, Managing Director

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2011/2012

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	<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  
BY:   
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County Executive Office Signature  
Jennifer L. Sargent

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.** 8/16/2011 3.41 & 3.43 | **District:** 1/1 | **Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND:** (Continued)

roadway and 500 signals County-wide, supplementing the small crews that we have at our 10 satellite maintenance yards. This existing location is far from central to our current and future operations, as the County has evolved and grown over the past decades.

In cooperation with the Economic Development Agency, the Transportation Department developed an overall master plan including office space for operations, inspections, and surveying. In addition, the facilities shall include repair shops, warehousing, material testing labs, vehicular wash and fuel stations, and storage areas. The proposed new facility will be LEED certified and include energy-savings components and be fully ADA accessible. The site will also be designed to accommodate a CNG fueling station and an electrical charging station that can be used for County vehicles and potentially the general public.

This facility will also be large enough to accommodate the move of our engineering personnel currently housed on 14<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Riverside, which would bring another 50 jobs to the Mead Valley area. The 14<sup>th</sup> Street location is slated for eventual additional downtown Court facility use.

The new site is close to the Cajalco/Ramona Expressway Corridor, I-215, and SR 60. The Transportation Department has done an analysis of savings on fuel costs and lost productivity time comparing this location to the current Washington Yard. The analysis projects a conservative operational savings in the amount of \$600,000 annually from being in this much more central location, which would increase over time as gas costs continue to increase.

Building the site in the near future provides the County the opportunity to take advantage of the low bids that we are seeing in the soft construction market. Being in this new central location also provides the County with long-term options to consolidate some of our outlying yards should they become unnecessary to keep due to future annexations/incorporations. Since the Washington Yard was purchased using State Gas Tax (Road Funds), proceeds of a future sale or transfer for other County uses would need to reimburse the Road Fund.

The funds for the architectural and engineering services will be included in the Transportation Department budget. EDA and the Transportation Department will issue an RFP for these services and negotiate an appropriate fee after selecting the most qualified firm. All costs associated with this project will be funded by the Transportation Department thus no net county costs will be incurred.