

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

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Fred Waring Improvement Project - Bermuda Dunes Area - Supervisorial District 4

RECOMMENDED MOTION: ADOPTION of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 42564, APPROVAL of the Fred Waring Drive Improvement Project, and ADOPTION of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Department, in cooperation with the City of La Quinta, is proposing road improvements on Fred Waring Drive from Adams Street to just east of Port Maria Road. The project would widen the existing roadway from four to six lanes to match the roadway improvements that have been constructed by the City to the west of the project site.

Departmental Concurrence

Juan C. Perez
Director of Transportation and Land Management

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2012/13

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Prop 1B, TUMF (CVAG), Palm Desert Financing Authority There are no General Funds used in this project.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:

Christopher M. Hans

County Executive Office Signature

Policy
 Policy

Consent
 Consent

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: 4

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Multiple meetings have been held to discuss the project with area residents, including a Public Informational Meeting on November 7, 2012 during the circulation of the Environmental Assessment for the project. The Environmental Assessment evaluated two Build Alternatives and a No-Build Alternative.

Build Alternative One would provide three lanes in each direction with a bike lane on the south side. Adjustments to the road's elevation would provide for access to elevated driveways for residences. A raised median and deceleration lane would be constructed. The deceleration lane on the north side of the roadway would provide space for mail delivery vehicles, parking, and room for residents to enter and exit their driveways safely. Reconstruction of driveways, fences, walls, and front yard improvements immediately north of Fred Waring Drive may be necessary to transition from the new road widening and grading. No permanent right-of-way acquisition is proposed and temporary land use rights will be obtained in early 2013.

Build Alternative Two was proposed to be consistent with County and City standards which created impacts requiring the acquisition of 24 homes on the north side of Fred Waring Drive. Build Alternative Two consists of the construction of three lanes in each direction with bike lanes on both sides, a raised median, parkway and a sidewalk easement. The acquisition of all residences located immediately north of Fred Waring Drive between Adams Street and Port Maria Road would be required in order to construct these improvements. No right-of-way acquisition would be required on the south side of the roadway.

The project will result in less than significant impacts to Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forest Resources, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities and Service Systems.

Issues raised in the public review of the Environmental Assessment include Cultural Resources Noise, Hydrology, and Transportation and Circulation. These issues have been addressed by incorporation of detailed response to comments located within Appendix C of the Initial Study Environmental Document.

The Alternatives were evaluated based on right-of-way acquisition, impacts to the community and cost. As a result of this evaluation, Build Alternative One is the preferred alternative because impacts to the community are minimized while widening Fred Waring Drive to three lanes in each direction.

Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Plan will complete the environmental documentation for the project. Final design is currently ongoing and will be completed by early 2013. Construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2013.



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

EA No. 42564

SCH# 2009021033

PROJECT NAME: Fred Waring Drive Improvement Project

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The proposed project includes the improvements along Fred Waring Drive from Adams Street to Port Maria Road in the Bermuda Dunes/La Quinta area of eastern Riverside County, California. The project would widen the roadway from four to six lanes to match the existing roadway improvements to the west of the project site. The total project distance is 0.65 miles.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
3. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
4. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of this project.
5. A Mitigation Monitoring plan was [was not] adopted.
6. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration has been adopted pursuant to CEQA and may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Transportation Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 8th fl, Riverside, California 92501.

The Final EIR may be examined, along with administrative record, at the Transportation Department, 4080 Lemon Street, 8th fl, Riverside, California 92501.

Russell Williams Title Environmental Division Mgr. Date 12/20/12
 Russell Williams

_____ Title Director of Transportation Date _____
 Juan C. Perez

HEARING BODY OR OFFICER

XX Board of Supervisors
 _____ Planning Commission

ACTION ON PROJECT

_____ Approval
 _____ Disapproval
 Date: _____

Verifying: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

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