

**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

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.

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:

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: 
Alex Sam

County Executive Office Signature

- Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: 4/4

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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 1 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 2 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 2 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 1 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 on going and will be completed by early 2013. Construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2013.