

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and Supervisor John Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 29, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Temescal Canyon Road Improvement Program (1st and 2nd Districts)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors endorse the concept of creating a Temescal Canyon Road Improvement Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

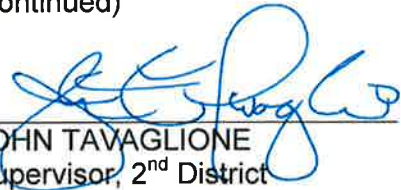
**Summary**

The Temescal Valley is located in the midst of the Interstate-15 Corridor as it traverses through Riverside County. The freeway bisects the Temescal Valley and greatly influences local circulation patterns. The Temescal Valley is a narrow, geographically constrained canyon that is served by one local transportation route, Temescal Canyon Road, as the only continuous alternative to I-15.

As congestion has grown over the years on I-15, regional commuters increasingly use Temescal Canyon Road to bypass segments of the freeway, particularly during freeway accidents or maintenance activities.

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Departmental Concurrence

  
JOHN TAVAGLIONE  
Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

  
KEVIN JEFFRIES  
Supervisor, 1st District

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ Click here to	\$ 0	\$ Click here to	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> n/a
	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

This has put an increasing strain on Temescal Canyon Road, which is primarily a two-lane road, to adequately serve the local transportation needs of Temescal Valley and El Cerrito residents, as well as carry an increasing share of regional traffic. Due to the limited capacity of Temescal Canyon Road, local traffic also often uses the freeway for short trips.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is working to deliver the I-15 Express Lane Project, which would add tolled express lanes from State Route 60 south to Cajalco Road. The 1<sup>st</sup> District office has expressed concerns regarding the effects of terminating the project at Cajalco Road, due to the impact of dropping lanes as you enter the Temescal Valley, and has been working with our County Transportation Department and RCTC staff to identify what can be done in the near-term, as well as what is ultimately needed, to improve circulation within and through the Temescal Valley.

The County Transportation Department has developed a plan in concept, the Temescal Canyon Road Improvement Program, that consists of the following measures:

1. Install turn lane safety improvements at two intersections along Temescal Canyon Road, at Lawson Road and Hostettler Road.
2. Widen Temescal Canyon Road to four lanes to eliminate several bottlenecks between the Temescal Canyon/I-15 Interchange and El Cerrito Road, a distance of about 5 miles. This work will be pursued in three distinct project segments in order to build the improvements as soon as possible, recognizing that some segments may have greater environmental or right-of-way constraints, or require Federal funding due to their greater cost, which requires a longer lead time. The three segments are:
  - From El Cerrito Road southerly to Tom Barnes Street
  - From Dos Lagos Drive southerly to the Wildrose Business Park north limit
  - From the Wildrose Business Park south limit to the Temescal Canyon Road interchange. This segment will include a realignment of the existing curve.
3. Work with RCTC to prioritize the widening of the next phase of the I-15 project, from Cajalco south to SR 74 in the City of Lake Elsinore, as a high priority in the next Measure A delivery plan. This should include initiating and accelerating the start-up of the necessary engineering and environmental work.

Attached is a concept plan showing the project limits and rough costs estimates. County Transportation will work with RCTC to develop a funding strategy that includes local, regional, State, and Federal funds in order to fully fund the regionally significant widening projects. Any allocation of County funding would have to be brought before this Board for formal consideration. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> District offices and our County Transportation Department will also be working closely with the Temescal Valley community to obtain public feedback on the specific scope and prioritization of each project.

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**Impact on Private Sector and Business**

The Communities of Temescal Valley and El Cerrito have been impacted greatly by the increasing congestion on the 15 Freeway that runs through the corridor. The only alternative to the 15 Freeway is Temescal Canyon Road, which frequently becomes over-burdened by traffic jumping off the 15 during accidents and construction closures, in addition to local families simply trying to get their children to school during morning rush hours. Since expansion of the 15 from Cajalco to Lake Elsinore is being delayed for another twenty years, safety and capacity improvements to Temescal Canyon Road are the only available short term strategy to ease the congestion nightmares of local residents.



# Temescal Canyon Improvement Program

PROJECT -- Proposed

--- Existing 4 Lanes

