

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



FROM: TLMA – Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE: December 17, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2016-010, Change the Name of a Portion of Airport Boulevard to Airport Frontage Road in the Thermal area, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exempt. 4th District; [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Find that changing the name of a Portion of Airport Boulevard to Airport Frontage Road is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15060 (c) (2), and 15061 (b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines: and
- 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-010, Change the Name of a Portion of Airport Boulevard to Airport Frontage Road in the Thermal Area; and
- 3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to deliver the Notice of Exemption to the Office of the County Clerk for filing within five (5) working days of this Board hearing.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Due to the construction of the Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation, a portion of Airport Boulevard has been realigned. The portion of old Airport Boulevard between Polk Street and Grapefruit Boulevard is required for local access and remains as a connector road to Grapefruit Boulevard. This portion of the old alignment is to be renamed Airport Frontage Road. The street name change is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Categorical Exemption 15060 and 15061 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The street name change will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption and will not cause any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts.

Patricia Romo Juan C. Perez Assistant Director of Transportation Director of Transportation and Land Management **WJH** Attachments: Resolution No. 2016-010

Exhibit "A" and CEQA Notice of Exemption

Departmental Concurrence Policy

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

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District: 4

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Name: Change the name of a Portion of Airport Boulevard to Airport Frontage Road in the Thermal area

Project Number: A6-0241

Project Location- Thermal area

Description of Project: Change the name of a Portion of Airport Boulevard to Airport Frontage Road in the Thermal area

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Transportation Department, Survey Division, County of Riverside.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Richard G. Lantis, Riverside County Transportation Department, Survey Division, County of Riverside.

Exempt Status: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule "Common Sense" Exemption. Not a "project" as defined under State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15060(c)(2).

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Changing the name of a street has been determined to not be a "project" as defined under State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2). However, even if it was determined to be a project under CEQA for analysis purposes, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The renaming of the existing roadway will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The name change will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique sensitive environments. Further, no unusual circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create an environmental impact. Changing the name of this street will not have an effect on the environment; thus, the County has deemed this does not meet the definition of a "project" under CEQA and no environmental impacts are anticipated to occur.

• Section 15061(b)(3) - General Rule "Common Sense" Exemption. With certainty, there is no possibility that the proposed street name change may have a significant effect on the environment. The renaming of a street will not require any construction activities, change the use or intensity of the existing site to create a physical environmental impact, and would not lead to any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical environmental impacts. Therefore, in no way would changing the name of a street as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

• Section 15060(c)(2) – for purposes of analysis under CEQA, changing the name of the street is not a "project" under CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2). An action by a public agency is only a "project" subject to CEQA if the action might result in a physical change in the environment. Based upon a review of the whole action undertaken, supported, or authorized by the County, in no way will changing the name of the street increase the use of the site, result in increased development or construction impacts, or lead to any direct, indirect, or cumulative physical environmental impacts.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the street name change as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Date: 12-15-15

Signed:

Richard G. Lantis, Riverside County Surveyor

