

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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 31, 2010

SUBJECT: Traffic Safety Improvements on Lambs Canyon Road (SR-79)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND: About two years ago my office and the County Transportation Department partnered with Caltrans to implement traffic safety measures on State Route 60 through the Badlands. These included installing additional markers on the median, restriping, installation of a "rumble strip" along the edge of the road to alert drivers when they stray, and radar speed feedback signs. These improvements have substantially improved night-time visibility and provide positive guidance and reminders of the need to drive at a safe speed. Although Caltrans is still collecting and studying before and after accident data, we note that there have not been any major accidents that we are aware of since the improvements were installed.

There have been a number of collisions on Lambs Canyon in the recent past, which led us to consider what the County could do to improve safety on this State Highway using the model of what was done through the Badlands. We worked once again with Caltrans to target improvements on Lambs Canyon Road (SR-79) south of I-10 to Gilman Springs Road. As a result of our discussions, Caltrans has been successful in receiving State funds to do a safety project on Lambs Canyon from about a mile north of Gilman Springs Road to 1st Street in Beaumont. Caltrans will be installing "rumble strips" along the inside and outside shoulders, reflectors on the median barrier, and new striping, similar to what was done through the Badlands. Caltrans will begin design work soon and this project is expected to go to construction in Spring 2012.

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Director of Transportation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: August 31, 2010
xc: Supvr. Ashley, Transp.

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

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