

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

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Gernert Road and Poarch Road Force Account Construction Project. 5th/1st District.
[\$1,000,000]; Local Funds 100%

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors grant approval to the Director of Transportation and Land Management to conduct force account work to construct Gernert Road and Poarch Road utilizing the Riverside County Transportation Department's day labor construction crews as set forth in Attachment A-1 hereto.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Poarch Road is an unimproved dirt road that provides access to a small, rural residential area of about 10 homes in the Box Springs Mountain area. Poarch Road intersects Gernert Road just east of Watkins Drive and the Perris Valley line (PVL) railroad tracks. Gernert Road is a county-maintained dirt

Juan C. Perez

Patricia Romo
Assistant Director of Transportation Management

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (Per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Gas Tax (100%) There are no General Funds used in the project.				Budget Adjustment:	No
				For Fiscal Year:	2013/2014

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:

Alex Gann

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 7, 2014
xc: Transp.

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By:
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 9/24/13, Item 9-1

District: 5/1

Agenda Number:

3-42

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:
MARSHALL VICTOR
DATE: 12/19/13

Departmental Concurrence

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

BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

road that links Watkins Drive to Morton Road in the City of Moreno Valley. The primary paved access route for this area is Watkins Drive. On September 24, 2013, Agenda Item 9-1, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the closure of Gernert Road and Poarch Road adjacent to the proposed PVL to non-emergency traffic via Watkins Drive. At the public hearing, the Board committed, as a condition of approval of this agenda item, to have the Transportation Department work with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to implement road improvements to Poach Road and Gernert Road to provide an all-weather surface that improves accessibility for residents and emergency services from Morton Road.

The Transportation Department is planning to pave approximately two miles of Gernert Road and a portion of Poarch Road using day labor construction crews. The paving of these dirt roads will improve accessibility for residents and emergency services by providing reliable all-weather roads. This work can be efficiently and cost effectively completed using Transportation Department crews, compared to the traditional bidding process. Following the completion of the paving, access to Watkins Drive will be closed, and the new access will be via Gernert Road to Morton Road to Box Springs Road to the full-access interchange at I-215.

It should be noted that the Transportation Department contracts out the vast majority of its construction work to private contractors (over 90% last year). Certain projects that are less complex and of a maintenance nature can be more efficiently and quickly accomplished using our day labor crews due to the time and cost savings realized through not having to generate engineered plans and contract specifications, surveying, and inspection costs.

The following roads will be paved:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Gernert Road	Watkins Drive	100' N/O Jennings Court
Poarch Road	Watkins Drive	800' Northeasterly

Assembly Bill 720 (AB720) sets forth modified requirements by which new road construction and road reconstruction can be performed by employees of a public agency. Under AB720, an agency may elect to utilize public employees to perform force account work, provided this work does not exceed 30% of the total value of all work performed by force account other than maintenance, as reported in the State Controller's Streets and Roads Annual Report as of January 1 of each year. The intent to use this authority must be declared prior to commencing the work.

The proposed projects, with their associated construction budgets, are listed in Attachment A-1. The total cost of the work is \$1,000,000.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The proposed projects will reduce dust and improve access to local residents and emergency services.

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SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

The roadway construction work will be funded by \$1,000,000 (\$1M) of Gas Tax funds.

The Transportation Department and RCTC worked closely together to secure funding in the amount of \$1M for the improvements of Poarch/Gernert roads (Project). The Transportation Department submitted the Project for funding through RCTC's Multi-Funding Call for Projects, which consists of Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Surface Transportation Program funds and Measure A Regional Arterial (MARA) Western County funds. However, the Project is not eligible for the available fund sources since federal funds must be spent on roads that are on the federal functional classification system, and the Project is not identified on this system. In looking at various fund sources, it was determined that local funds would be the most appropriate fund source to meet the Project's schedule. RCTC staff met with Transportation Department staff to review funding needs, including shifting and reprogramming funds to ensure priority projects meet funding eligibility and construction schedules. It was proposed to provide \$1M of 1989 Measure A Western County Highway funds for the County's State Route 79 (SR-79) Project, which is being constructed in phases with phase 2 beginning earlier this year. In turn, the Transportation Department will reprogram \$1M of local funds from the SR-79 Project to the Gernert/Poarch Road Project. Since SR-79 is a listed project in the 1989 Western Riverside County Measure A Expenditure Plan, this is an appropriate transfer of funding.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A-1

ATTACHMENT A -1

ROAD NAME	FROM	LIMITS	TO	CONSTRUCTION COST (\$)
Gernert Road	Watkins Drive		100' north of Jennings Court	750,000
Poarch Road	Watkins Drive		800' northeasterly	250,000
			Subtotal	1,000,000