

**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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[Signature]
JOHN TAVAGLIONE
Supervisor, 2nd District

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KEVIN JEFFRIES
Supervisor, 1st District

Departmental Concurrence

| 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 | |

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: | Budget Adjustment: n/a |
| | For Fiscal Year: |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: October 6, 2015
 xc: Supvr. Jeffries, Supvr. Tavaglione

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

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

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

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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 1st 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 1st and 2nd 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

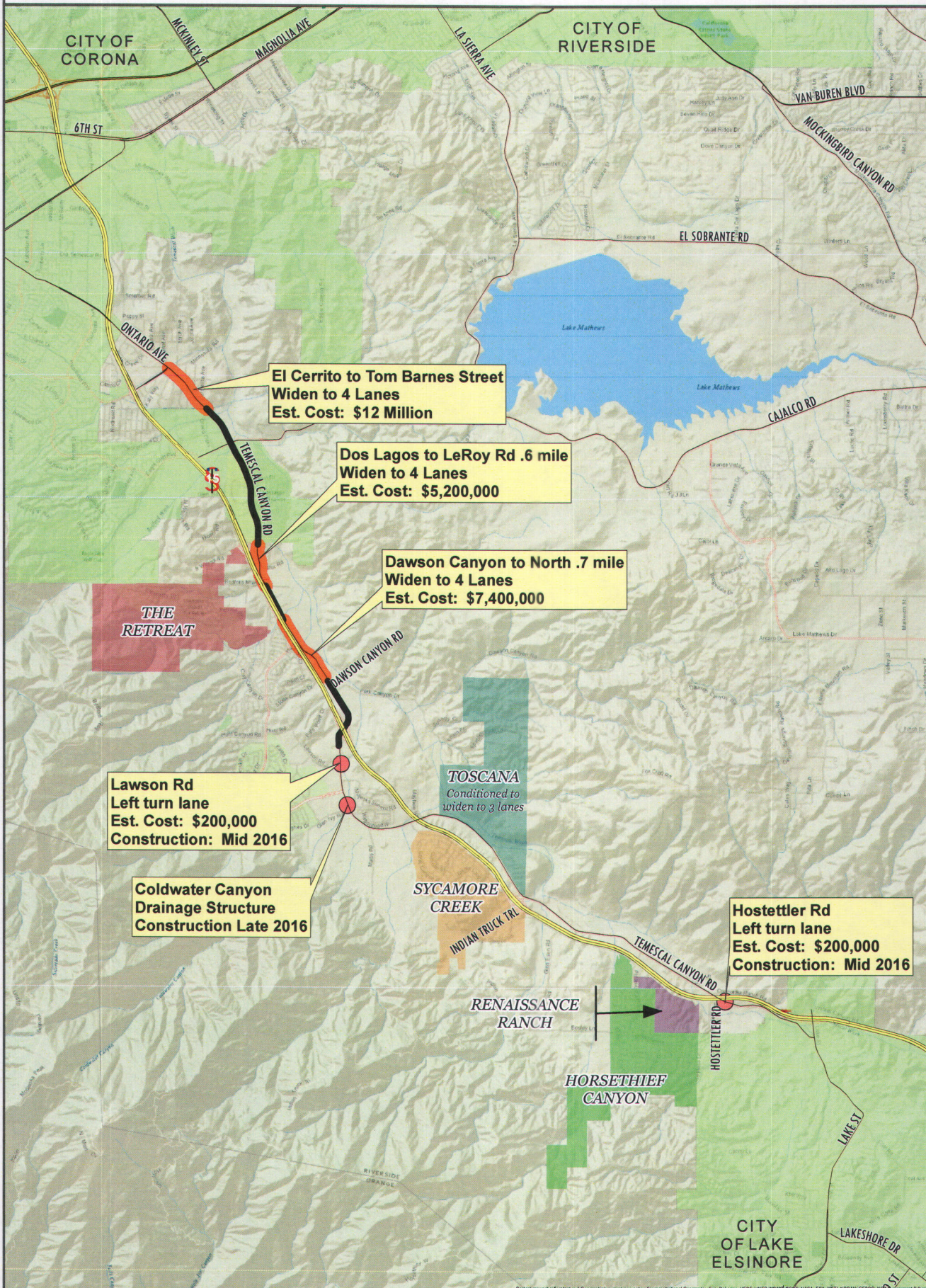
The Communities of Temescal Valley and El Cerrito have been impacted greatly by the increasing congestion on the 15 Freeway that runs through the corridor. The only alternative to the 15 Freeway is Temescal Canyon Road, which frequently becomes over-burdened by traffic jumping off the 15 during accidents 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



**Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject
to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Michele Randall

Address: _____
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____

Date: 10/6/14 **Agenda #** 3.55

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

_____ **Support** _____ **Oppose** _____ **Neutral**

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed
for "Appeal", please state separately your position on
the appeal below:

_____ **Support** _____ **Oppose** _____ **Neutral**

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

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You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.