

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: GREGORY P. PRIAMOS DATE: 2/23/16

Departmental Concurrence

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

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FROM: TLMA – Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
 February 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Approve the Grapefruit Boulevard/State Route 111 and 4th Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project and Find the Project Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 4th District; [\$2,424,000]; Federal and State Funds (95%) and Local Funds (5%)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the CEQA under a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of Article 19 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Approve the Grapefruit Boulevard/State Route 111 (SR111) and 4th Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting within five (5) working days of this Board meeting.

Patricia Romo
 Assistant Director of Transportation

Juan C. Perez
 Director of Transportation and Land Management

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (Per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 251,000	\$ 179,000	\$ 2,424,000	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: ATP (95%), Gas Tax/HUTA (5%). There are no General Funds used in this project.				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 15/16	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE
 BY:
 Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: March 8, 2016
 xc: Transp.

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By:
 Deputy

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ District: 4 Agenda Number: _____

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

In 2013, the State of California established the Active Transportation Program (ATP), which consolidated existing federal and state transportation programs into a single program to fund projects that promote active modes of transportation, such as walking and biking, as alternatives to driving. The goals of the program include enhancing public health, increasing mobility for non-motorized users, increasing public safety, reducing greenhouse gas effects, and providing improvements to disadvantaged communities. The State has charged the California Transportation Commission (CTC) with administration of the ATP program.

On May 14, 2014, the County of Riverside Transportation Department (Transportation Department) submitted an ATP program application for the design and construction of an improved pedestrian route between St. Anthony's Mobile Home Park and downtown Mecca for residents to access the schools, bus stops, markets, medical clinic, library, post office, and Boys & Girls Club. The estimated 500 residents at St. Anthony's Mobile Home Park, along with other residents in the area, will benefit from this connection.

On November 12, 2014, the CTC voted to allocate the ATP funds to the County of Riverside (County) for the Grapefruit Boulevard/SR111 and 4th Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project in the amount of \$2.3 million. Funds have been reserved for all phases of the project: Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA&ED); Plans, Specifications and Engineer's estimate (PS&E); Right-of-Way acquisition (RW); and Construction. The ATP funds are the primary source of funds for the project.

The scope of work includes widening the existing asphalt concrete paved shoulder along the west side of SR111 and Grapefruit Boulevard to provide an eight-foot striped buffer and five-foot walkway from St. Anthony's Mobile Home Park, located a half-mile south of 66th Avenue, to the intersection of Grapefruit Boulevard and 4th Street. (Note: SR111 changes name to Grapefruit Boulevard north of 66th Avenue.) From the intersection of Grapefruit Boulevard and 4th Street, to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, a concrete sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of the road. A separate project in coordination with the Union Pacific Railroad Company will extend the sidewalk over the railroad tracks to connect with existing sidewalk at the roundabout intersection of 4th Street and Hammond Road. In addition, curb ramp(s) and traffic signal poles will be placed at the intersection of Grapefruit Boulevard and 4th Street, including widening of the bridge culvert on 4th Street to accommodate truck turning movements. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the pedestrian improvements will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The total length of the improved pedestrian route will be 0.7 mile.

The Transportation Department staff conducted a review of the project and determined that the project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines, Article 19 commencing with Section 15300. In accordance with Section 15301 (c), Class 1 projects consist of the operation, repair and maintenance of existing public facilities, such as highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities. Therefore, the project's proposed improvements to the existing public facilities on State Route 111, Grapefruit Boulevard, and 4th Street as described above are considered a Class 1 operation and maintenance project.

The Transportation Department is currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation (PA&ED) stage of the project. CTC procedures require the submittal of the project's approved environmental document as a prerequisite for requesting a funding allocation for the Plans, Specifications and Engineer's estimate (PS&E) and/or Right-of-Way acquisition (RW) phases of the project. The County is the lead agency for the finding of the Categorical Exemption for the project under CEQA and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the lead agency for the finding of the Categorical Exclusion for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which is in process. The Transportation Department therefore recommends that the Board of Supervisors (Board) find that the project is exempt under CEQA and direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting within five (5) working days of this Board meeting with a posting period of not less than 30 days.

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Upon the CTC and Federal Highway Administration's authorization of the use of federal funding for the PS&E phase in June 2016, final design will begin. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2017 and to take 8 months to complete.

Project No. C5-0077

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The project is intended to provide improvements to a disadvantaged community and to enhance public health, increase mobility for non-motorized users, increase public safety, and reduce greenhouse gas effects through active modes of transportation. The construction of an improved pedestrian route between the St. Anthony's Mobile Home Park and downtown Mecca will benefit many residents in the area who walk to downtown for services including the schools, bus stops, markets, medical clinic, library, post office, and Boys & Girls Club.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

This project will be funded through a combination of Federal and State Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds (\$2,300,000 - 95%) and local Gas Tax/HUTA funds (\$124,000 - 5%).

There are no General Funds used in this project.

Project Phase		Source	Amount
PA&ED	Project Approval & Environmental Documentation	Gas Tax/HUTA (local) ATP (state)	124,000 143,000
PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Engineer's estimate	ATP (federal)	287,000
RW	Right of Way	ATP (federal)	10,000
CON	Construction	ATP (federal)	1,860,000
TOTAL			2,424,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- Project Location Map
- CEQA Notice of Exemption



 PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN ROUTE



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

**Grapefruit Blvd / SR 111 & 4th Street
Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project**



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Original Negative Declaration/Notice of
 Determination was routed to County
 Clerks for posting on.

3/8/16 Via Transp. Staff
 Date Initial

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 8, 2016

PROJECT TITLE: The Grapefruit Boulevard/State Route 111 and 4th Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project (W.O. # ZC50077C, Task Code #Z1530)

PROJECT SPONSOR: Riverside County Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated community of Mecca, California, Riverside County

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: Supervisorial District 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the shoulder widening for an asphalt concrete walkway from St. Anthony's mobile home park, extending northerly approximately 0.7 mile adjacent to the west side of SR-111/Grapefruit Boulevard to 4th Street. Specifically, the widening would consist of the installation of a hot mix asphalt 5-foot walkway with an 8-foot shoulder along SR-111/Grapefruit Boulevard. At the intersection of Grapefruit Boulevard and 4th Street, the traffic signal poles would be replaced and accessible curb ramp(s) installed for the crossing of Grapefruit Boulevard. A Portland cement concrete sidewalk would be constructed on the north side of 4th Street from Grapefruit Boulevard easterly approximately 0.1 mile toward the west side of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The work would include modifications to the bridge culvert on 4th Street to accommodate truck turning movements, as well as pavement transitions on Grapefruit Boulevard from approximately 0.2 mile south to 0.2 mile northerly of 4th Street to accommodate the delineation of a northbound to eastbound right turn lane. The project is located in the community of Mecca in unincorporated Riverside County.

The Riverside County Transportation Department Staff conducted a review of the above referenced project and has determined that the proposal qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 (c), Article 19, commencing with Section 15300.

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Per Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines, Class 1 projects consist of the operation, repair and maintenance of existing public facilities, such as highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities. Thus, the project proposal is a Class 1 operation and maintenance project which will construct an asphalt concrete walkway, a Portland concrete cement sidewalk, and implement an 8-foot shoulder along the existing public facility, known as SR-111/Grapefruit Boulevard. For the purpose of public safety, traffic signal poles will be replaced and ADA ramps will be installed at the crossing of Grapefruit Boulevard. Furthermore, modification to the existing bridge culvert on 4th street will accommodate safer and efficient truck turning movements.

The Riverside County Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following: California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15301 (c)

By: Marcia Frances Rose, Senior Transportation Planner

Signed: *Russell Williams*
Russell Williams, Environmental Division Manager



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DATE: March 8, 2016

TO: Mary Ann Meyer, Office of the County Clerk

FROM: Russell Williams, Environmental Division Manager

RE: **The Grapefruit Boulevard/State Route 111 and 4th Street Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements Project (W.O. # ZC50077C Task Code #Z1530)**

The Riverside County Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 2003-138. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: Marcia Frances Rose. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Frances Rose at (951) 955-1505.

Attachment

cc: file