

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



ITEM
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(ID # 3186)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017


FROM: TLMA-TRANSPORTATION:

SUBJECT: TLMA- TRANSPORTATION: Approve the Mecca Sidewalk and Roadway Safety Improvement Project, and Find the Project Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 4th District; [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Mecca Sidewalk and Roadway Safety Improvement Project; and
2. 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
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.

ACTION: Policy


Patricia Romo, Director of Transportation 12/13/2016

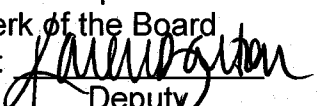
FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: There are no General Funds used in this project.			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	16/17

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, 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 and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 17, 2017
xc: Trasnp., Recorder

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By: 
 Deputy

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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 27, 2015, the County of Riverside Transportation Department (Transportation Department) submitted an ATP program application for the design and construction of the missing links to the improved pedestrian route on 6th Avenue, Brown Street, and Dale Kiler Road in the Community of Mecca.

On January 21, 2016, the CTC voted to accept the Mecca Sidewalk and Roadway Safety Improvements Project into the ATP program in the amount of \$851,000. 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); and Construction (CON). The ATP funds are the primary source of funds for the project.

The scope of work includes the construction of a concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and curb returns which are in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The improvements will complete the missing links of sidewalk on 6th Street between Date Palm Street and Dale Kiler Road, Brown Street between 6th Street and 5th Street, and Dale Kiler Road between 5th Street and 7th Street. These streets are all used to directly access the Mecca Sports Complex at 6th Street and Date Palm Street, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 6th Street and Dale Kiler Road, as well as Mecca Apostolic Church on 6th Street and Coahuilla Street.

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 6th Street, Brown Street, and Dale Kiler Road 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 (R/W).

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phases of the project. The County of Riverside (County) is the lead agency for the finding of the Categorical Exemption for the project under CEQA. 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.

Upon CTC authorization of State ATP funding for the PS&E phase in March 2017, final design will begin. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2017 and will take three (3) months to complete.

Project No. C6-0069

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 on 6th Street, Brown Street, and Dale Kiler Road will benefit many residents in the area who walk to the Churches and Sports Complex in the immediate vicinity, as well as connectivity to the existing sidewalks that lead to downtown for services including the schools, bus stops, markets, medical clinic, library, post office, and Boys & Girls Club.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

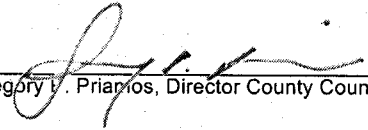
This project will be funded through State Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds (\$851,000, 87%) and Local Gas Tax/Highway User Transportation Act (HUTA) funds (\$124,000 - 13%). There are no General Funds used in this project.

Project Phase		Source	Amount
PA&ED	Project Approval & Environmental Documentation	ATP (state)	45,000
		Gas Tax/HUTA (local)	5,000
PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Engineer's estimate	ATP (state)	95,000
		Gas Tax/HUTA (local)	10,000
CON	Construction	ATP (state)	711,000
		Gas Tax/HUTA (local)	109,000
TOTAL			975,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- Vicinity Map
- Notice of Exemption

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Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel 12/13/2016

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MECCA AREA

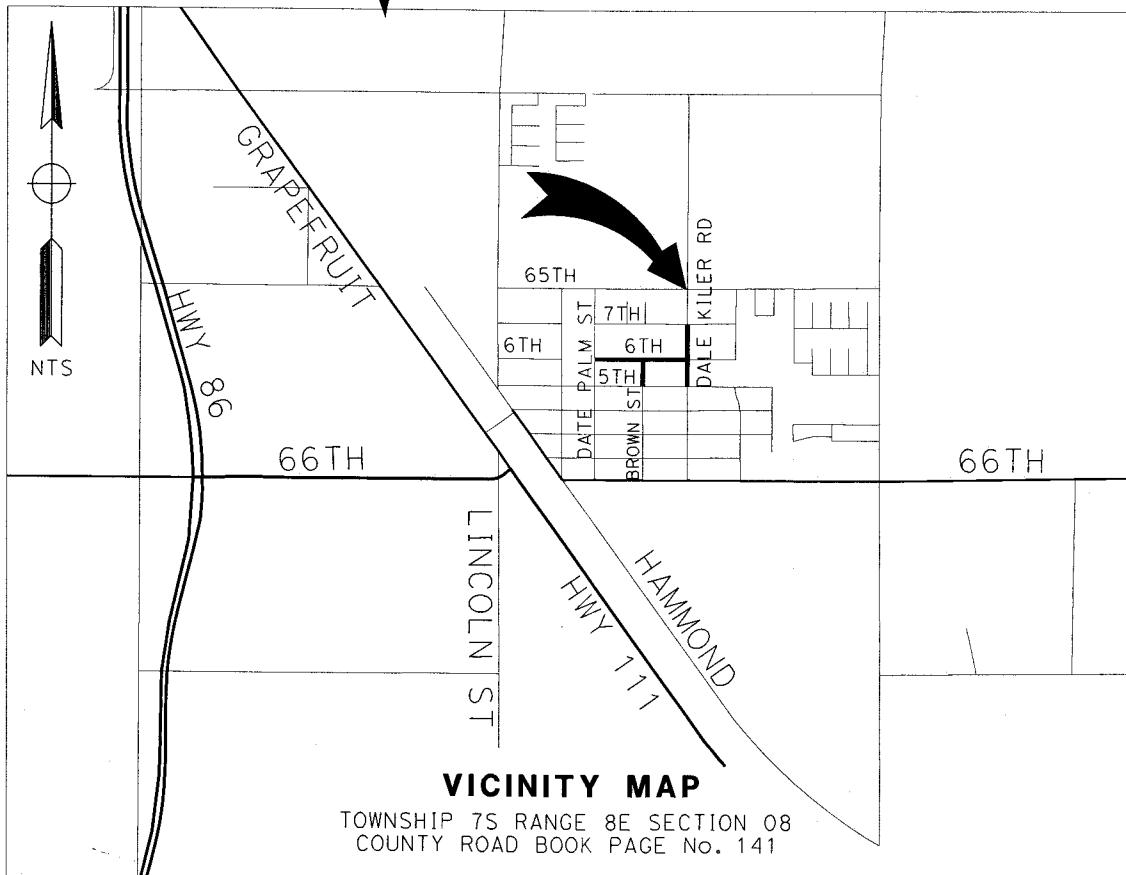
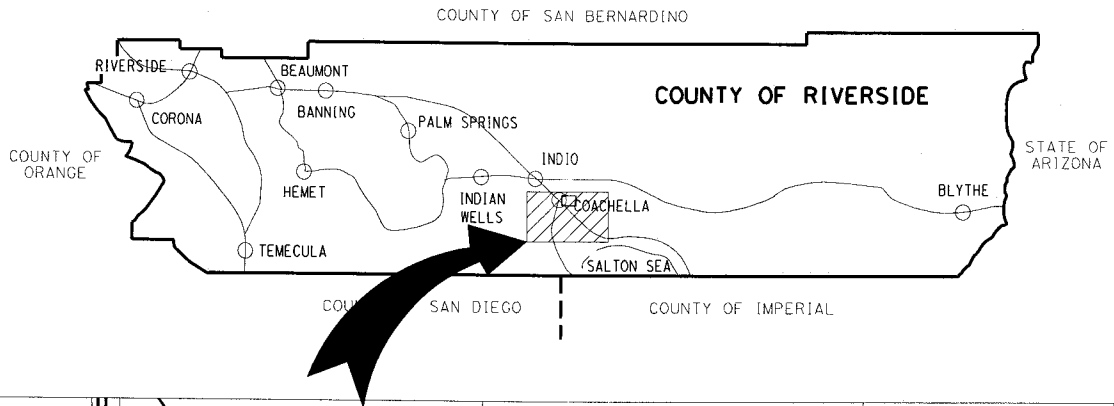
SIDEWALK

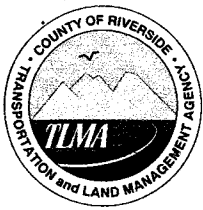
**6TH ST FROM DALE PALM ST TO DALE KILER RD
BROWN ST FROM 5TH ST TO 6TH ST
DAL KILER RD FROM 5TH ST TO 7TH ST**

COMMUNITY OF MECCA

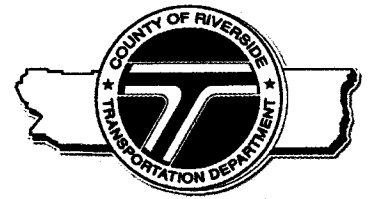
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FEDERAL AID No. ATPL-5956 (258)





COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
TRANSPORTATION AND
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Juan C. Perez, P.E., T.E.
Transportation and Land
Management Agency Director

Patricia Romo, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Transportation Department

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

1/17/17
Date

via transp.
Initial

Marcia Rose

December 5, 2016

PROJECT TITLE: Mecca Sidewalk and Roadway Safety Improvement Project
Work Order #ZC60069C, Task Code #Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: Riverside County Transportation Department

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

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 4th District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD) proposes to construct approximately 3600 linear feet of sidewalk with curb and gutter improvements in the community of Mecca. The scope of work includes the construction of a concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and curb returns which are in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The improvements will complete the missing links of sidewalk on the following segments: 1) 6th Street between Date Palm Street and Dale Kiler Road; 2) Brown Street between 6th Street and 5th Street; and 3) Dale Kiler Road between 5th Street and 7th Street. These streets are used to directly access the Mecca Sports Complex located at 6th Street and Date Palm Street, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 6th Street and Dale Kiler Road, as well as the Mecca Apostolic Church located at 6th Street and Coahuilla Street. Furthermore, the Project will relocate existing utilities (e.g. (Fire Hydrant Blow off) within the right of way. PCC driveway improvements, both to and for existing affected residential driveways are also to be provided along the proposed sidewalk path.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS: The Project is intended to provide improvements to a disadvantaged community and to enhance public health. By constructing sidewalk segments, the Project will increase mobility for non-motorized users, increase public safety, and reduce greenhouse gas effects by promoting active modes of transportation. Therefore, the construction of an improved pedestrian route on 6th Street, Brown Street, and Dale Kiler Road will benefit many residents in the area who walk to the Churches and Sports Complex. The Project will improve connectivity to the existing sidewalks that lead to downtown services, such as schools, bus stops, markets, the medical clinic, the library, the post office, and the Boys & Girls Club. Because the Project consists of operation, maintenance and repair of an existing public facility, there is no expansion of the existing roadways. Thus, the Project qualifies for a Class 1

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Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Furthermore, the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and the Coachella Valley MSHCP state that necessary operation and maintenance activities conducted for safety purposes along existing roadways are considered Covered Activities.

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.

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:

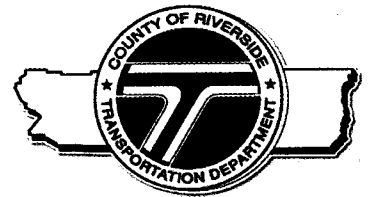
California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15301 (c)

By: Marcia Frances Rose 

Signed: 
Russell Williams, Environmental Division Manager



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DATE: December 5, 2016
TO: Mary Ann Meyer, Office of the County Clerk
FROM: Russell Williams, Environmental Division Manager *RW*
RE: W.O. # ZC60069C Task Code #Z1530

The Riverside County Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption. 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 Rose If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Frances Rose at (951) 955-1505.

Attachment

cc: file

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-

AUTHORIZATIONNUMBER: W.O.#ZC60069 , Task Code Z1530

Accounting String: 537280-20000-31305000-ZC600069C-Z1530

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: December 5, 2016

AGENCY: Riverside County Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Russell Williams, Environmental Division Manager

Signature: _____

Russell Williams

PRESENTED BY: Marcia Frances Rose, Senior Transportation Planner

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-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: _____

DATE: _____

RECEIPT # (S) _____