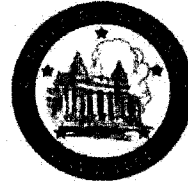


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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
2.16
(ID # 8499)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

FROM : TLMA-TRANSPORTATION:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/TRANSPORTATION:
Progress update on Safety Enhancement Strategies on Certain County
Maintained Roadways. All Districts. [\$120,000 Total Cost] 100% Gas Tax

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and File the progress update on the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Health's Collaborative Efforts to Develop Safety Enhancement Strategies on Certain County Maintained Roadways.

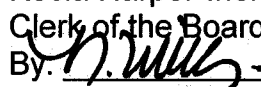
ACTION: Policy


Patricia Romo, Director of Transportation 11/20/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: December 11, 2018
xc: Transp.

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 120,000	\$ 0	\$ 120,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Gas Tax			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 18/19	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In recent months, there has been an increase in the number of injury and fatal collisions across Riverside County. During the months of May and June alone, there were 15 fatalities on County roads, with five of those being on Ramona Expressway. In the last 5 years the County has experienced a 21% increase in fatal collisions, a 46% increase in injury collisions, and a significant increase in traffic volumes. The collisions are primarily caused by distracted driving, driving under the influence, and unsafe maneuvers such as speeding and passing when not safe to do so, it is estimated that 94% of accidents are caused by human error.

There has been significant growth in traffic volume countywide and the county is actively working on several widening projects across the county. Given that these capacity increasing projects take significant time to complete, the County is taking steps to enhance safety now. Reducing collision rates will require a concerted effort between County Departments, the CHP, and the public through capital improvements, education and awareness, and enforcement.

Given this recent trend, the Transportation and Land Management Agency Director along with the Public Health Director, and the CHP, have partnered to implement strategies to address the rising trend of injury and fatal collisions. At the July 31, 2018 Board meeting, the Department of Transportation in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, provided a report regarding the efforts being made to address the increase in the number of injury and fatal collisions across Riverside County. Over the last few months the following strategies have been implemented or being developed:

1. The Transportation Department is working with the Executive Office to explore the possibility of Legislative changes that would allow the County to designate certain roads as Safety Awareness Zones that would allow the CHP to double fines for traffic violations. Routes being considered include Ramona Expressway, Gilman Springs, Cajalco Road, and Grand Avenue.
2. The Transportation Department has entered into a partnership with the CHP to increase patrols on Ramona Expressway, Gilman Springs, Cajalco, and Grand Avenue.

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4. Additional pavement markings to create a wider median along Gilman Springs Road between State Route 60 and State Route 79 have been installed.
5. Passing on Gilman Springs Road between State Route 60 and State Route 79 is now prohibited.
6. The Transportation Department and the department of Public Health have partnered to create a Public Safety Awareness campaign, to address high speed driving, driving under the influence, distracted driving, and pedestrian safety. The new "Drive to Survive" educational safety campaign will provide information about the importance of safe driving through the use of billboards, radio, social media, and a webpage dedicated to safe driving.
7. Changeable message boards have been deployed in communities to raise awareness of safety.

In addition to the measures listed above, the Transportation Department will continue to explore other feasible safety enhancement measures to achieve our goal of decreasing injury and fatal collisions on County roads.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The development of these safety strategies are being implemented with the goal of enhancing safety for County residents and businesses.

Additional Fiscal Information

The development and implementation of roadway safety enhancements strategies will be funded 100% by Gas Tax. No general funds will be used.


Scott Bruckner 12/2/2018