

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



ITEM: 3.2  
(ID # 11769)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

FROM : SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL AND SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL AND SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES:  
Temescal Canyon Road Improvement Program (1st and 2nd Districts) [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file an update on the Temescal Canyon Road Improvement Program.

ACTION: Policy

*Karen S. Spiegel*  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Vice-Chairman 1/27/2020

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: January 28, 2020  
xc: Supvr. Spiegel, Supvr. Jeffries

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	19/20

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [CEO use]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

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 Interstate 15 (I-15). Congestion has grown over the years on I-15, and regional commuters increasingly use Temescal Canyon Road to bypass segments of the freeway, particularly during peak commute times, freeway accidents, and maintenance activities. This has put an increasing strain on Temescal Canyon 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.

On October 6, 2015, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the concept of creating a Temescal Canyon Road Improvement Program, to identify near term and long term plans to improve circulation within and through the Temescal Valley.

The County Transportation Department has completed or is in the process of completing several important projects that will improve traffic flow.

1. Left turn lanes have been installed on Temescal Canyon Road at the intersections of Lawson Road and Hostettler Road. Investment \$700,000
2. Construction is in progress, and nearly complete, for two sections of Temescal Canyon Road as shown below. This work consists of widening Temescal Canyon Road from two lanes to four lanes, to eliminate bottlenecks, and expected to be open to traffic in early 2020. The bulk of the project funding came from two sources, regional Measure A funds and an SB1 Local Partnership Program grant, both allocated by RCTC. These two sources of funding totaled \$19.6 million out of a total project cost of \$28 million.
  - Temescal Canyon Road between Dos Lagos Drive southerly to the Wildrose Business Park north limit
  - Wildrose Business Park south limit to the Temescal Canyon Road interchange
3. The striping was reconfigured at the Temescal Canyon Interchange and the Dos Lagos Drive/Weirick Road Interchange to improve traffic operations during morning rush hour.

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4. Successfully obtained TUMF in the amount of \$3 million from WRCOG to fund planning and engineering for the widening of Temescal Canyon Road between El Cerrito Road and Tom Barnes Street from two lanes to four lanes. This segment is the next priority to deliver, and will be a complex project given the necessary right-of-way acquisitions.

County Transportation will develop a funding plan for the right of way acquisition and construction phase of the Temescal Canyon widening in El Cerrito, that will require further funding partnerships with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG) to maximize use of Federal, State and Regional funds. Our Board offices and the County Transportation Department will also work closely with the communities to obtain public feedback on the specific scope of the project.

Once the El Cerrito portion of widening is complete, Temescal Canyon Road will have 5 miles of continuous four lane road along Temescal Canyon Road, improving the bottleneck conditions that exist today.

Attached is a concept plan showing the project limits, infrastructure investment to date, and a cost estimate for completion of these identified improvements.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The communities of El Cerrito and Temescal Valley have been impacted greatly by the increasing congestion on the I-15 freeway that runs through the corridor. The only alternative to I-15 is Temescal Canyon Road, which frequently becomes over-burdened by traffic jumping off the I-15 during accidents and construction closures, in addition to families simply trying to get their children to school during morning rush hour. Since expansion of the I-15 from Cajalco Road to Lake Elsinore does not have a set construction timeline given the limited availability of funding, safety and capacity improvements to Temescal Canyon Road are the only available short-term strategy to ease the congestion problems in the area.



# Temescal Canyon Road Improvement Program

