

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



ITEM: 3.47
(ID # 11873)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

FROM : TLMA-TRANSPORTATION:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT: Approval of Amendment Number Four to the Reimbursement
Agreement between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the
County of Riverside for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project, District 4.
[\$16,964,667 Total Cost - 100% CVAG TUMF]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve Amendment Number Four to the County of Riverside – CVAG Reimbursement Agreement for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the same.


ACTION: Policy


Patricia Romo, Director of Transportation 2/20/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt 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: March 10, 2020
xc: Transp.

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 10,964,667	\$ 16,964,667	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Transportation Uniform Mitigation Funds (CVAG)			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 19/20 to 22/23	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Currently, the only Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing in the Mecca area is an at-grade crossing at 4th Street. Traffic going in and out of the Mecca community must wait at the tracks for trains to pass before they are able to cross the tracks. The County is proposing to extend 66th Avenue with a bridge over the railroad tracks to provide a link between State Route 86 (SR-86) and the community of Mecca and beyond to interstate 10 (I-10) via Box Canyon Road. UPRR and SR-86 are both designated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) freight corridors and increasing vehicular traffic due to regional population growth and train traffic along this rail trade corridor is increasing the congestion and causing delays at the existing 4th Street at-grade crossing. The proposed new overcrossing will provide a safe crossing, separated from the train traffic, for vehicles, trucks, farm equipment, emergency vehicles, and pedestrians.

This grade separation project consists of the construction of a new two-lane roadway connecting 66th Avenue across the railroad tracks, Hammond Road, and State Route 111 (SR-111)/Grapefruit Boulevard. The construction of the new overpass will also require modification to SR-111, see exhibit A (Plan View).

The lowest and best bid received for the construction contract is \$36.538M from Riverside Construction Company. Based in part on this bid, the current projected project cost is estimated to be \$61.708M leaving a shortfall of \$5.864M.

Amendment Number Four to the reimbursement agreement between the County of Riverside and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), provides \$4,367,250 in additional funding for the project. The remaining shortfall of \$1,455,697 will be borne by Riverside County Transportation funds. This Amendment Number Four will increase the total CVAG funding contribution as follows:

Original Reimbursement Agreement	\$500,000
Amendment Number One	\$850,000
Amendment Number Two	\$1,875,000

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Amendment Number Three	\$9,372,417
Amendment Number Four	<u>\$4,367,250</u>
Total	\$16,964,667

The CVAG board approved this Amendment Number Four to the reimbursement agreement at their January 27, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

Project No. B8-0664

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The 66th Avenue/UPRR Project will improve access and safety for the Community of Mecca and improve goods and services movement through the region. Construction is expected to begin in April 2020 and will take 18 months to complete.

Additional Fiscal Information

The total project cost for the railroad grade separation is \$61,707,575, which is being funded by various funding sources as shown below.

Federal

\$12,110,000	STP – Discretionary (19.63%)
\$6,130,000	STIP Funds – Federal (9.93%)
\$3,240,000	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Repurposed Earmark (5.25%)
\$3,000,000	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) HIP Funds (4.86%)

State

\$10,359,000	Prop. 1B - Trade Corridor Improv. Funds (16.79%)
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Local

\$16,964,667	Transportation Uniform Mitigation Funds (CVAG) (27.49%)
\$1,439,000	DIF AP 18 Maj. Imp. Fund- Coachella Eastern Area (2.33%)
\$5,297,211	Coachella Valley Water Dist. (CVWD) (8.58%)
\$1,712,000	State Exchange Funds (2.78%)
\$1,455,697	Gas Tax/SB1 (2.36%)

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No General funds will be used on this Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Vicinity Map

Attachment "A" Plan View

Avenue 66 Grade Separation Reimbursement Agreement Amendment 4 01-27-20



Jason Farin, Senior Management Analyst

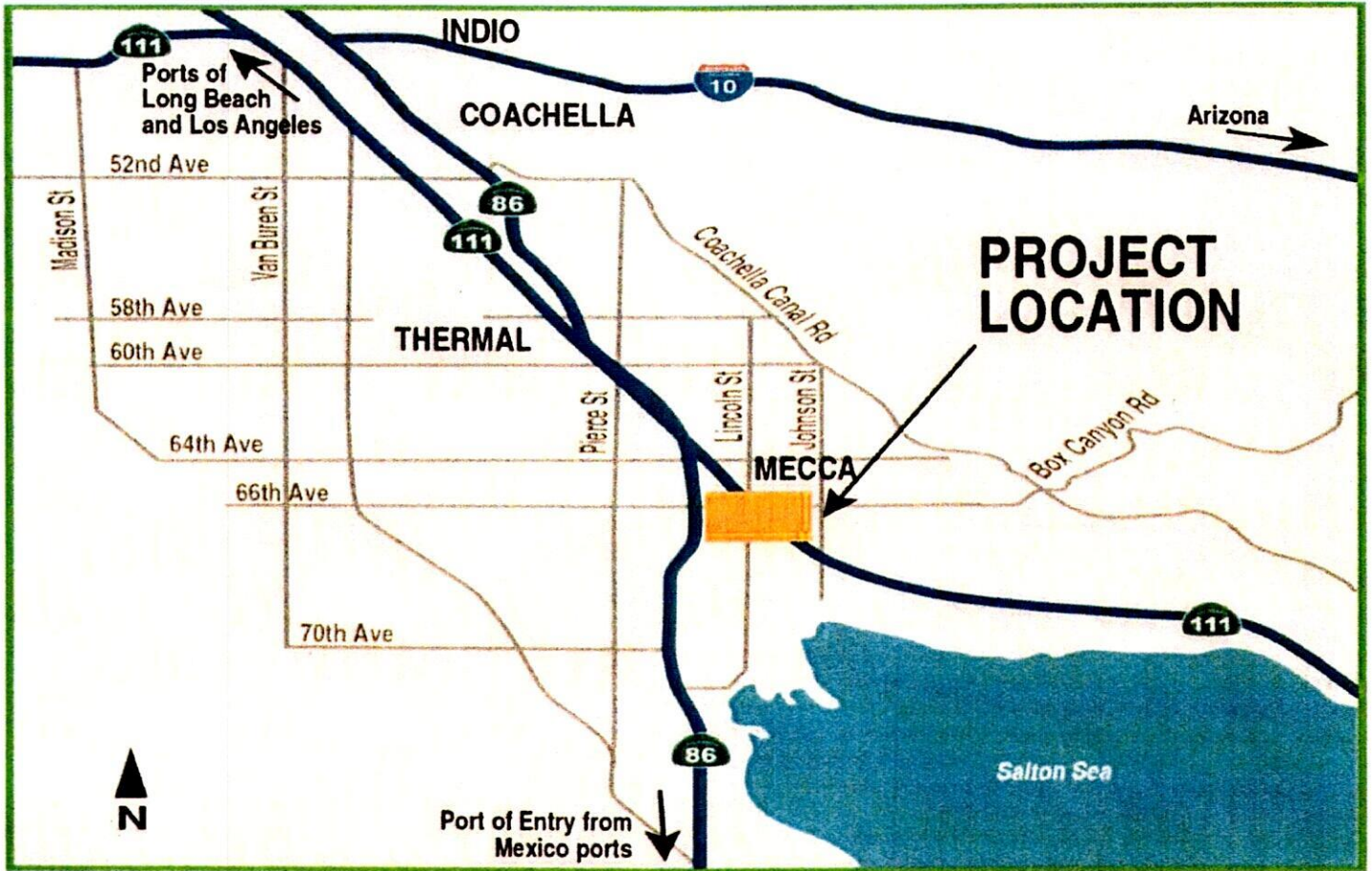
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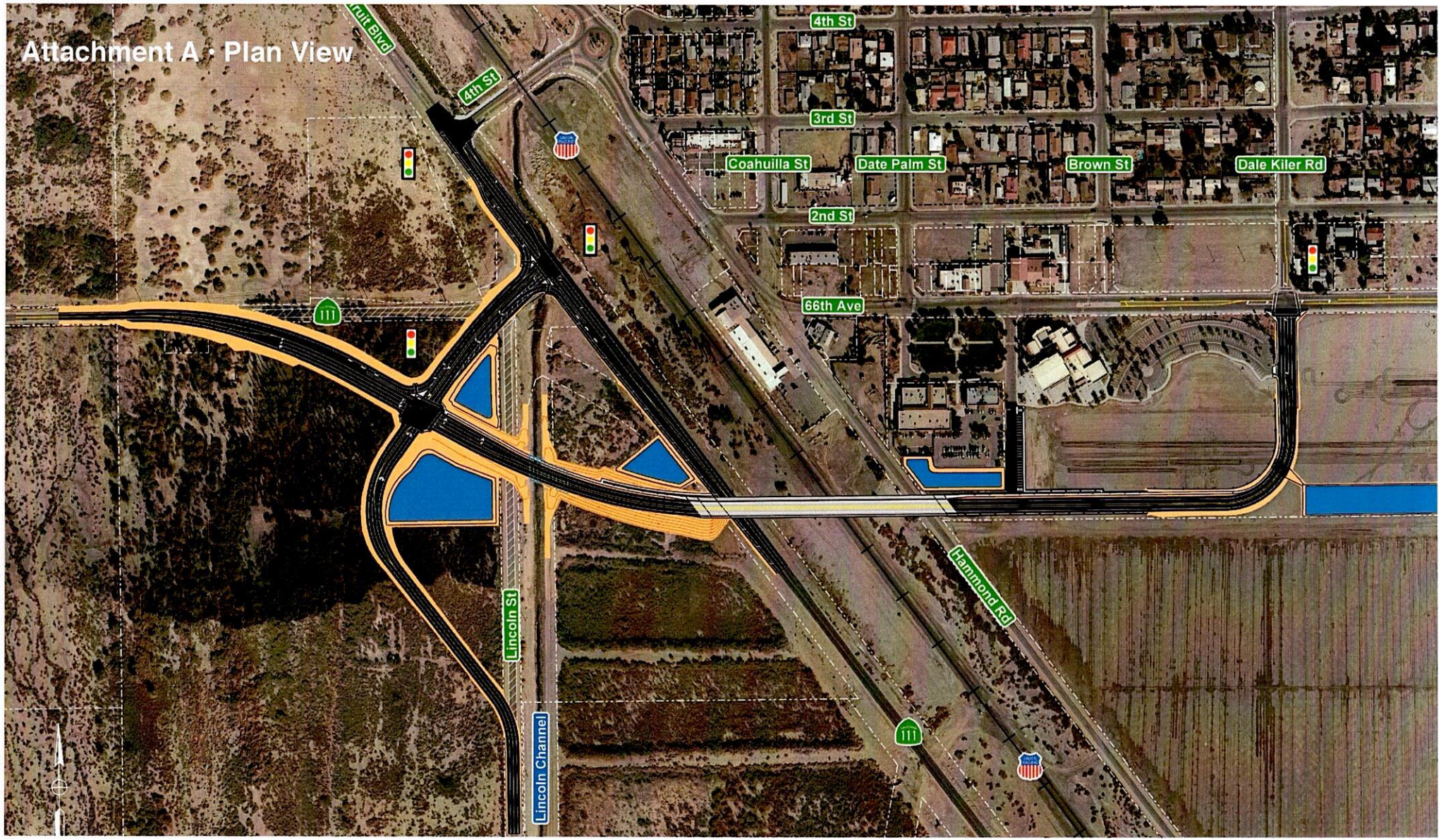
Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel

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Vicinity Map



Attachment A - Plan View



AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR
to the
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE - CVAG REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
for the
AVENUE 66 GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

THIS **AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR** is made and entered into this 27th day of January, 2020, by and between the **Coachella Valley Association of Governments**, a California joint powers agency, (**CVAG**), and the **County of Riverside (Lead Agency)** and is made with reference to the following background facts and circumstances. All other provisions in the existing Reimbursement Agreement for the **Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project** remain in force.

This Amendment Number Four obligates, and authorizes for expenditure, funds not previously authorized under the terms of the existing Reimbursement Agreement, approved by CVAG's Executive Committee at their meeting of June 21, 2010.

The County of Riverside is requesting additional funds, in addition to the amount originally estimated to complete the work. The County of Riverside has requested an additional \$4,367,250 as CVAG's Regional Share (75%) of additional work required to construct the project. Approval of Amendment Number Four will increase CVAG's total Regional Share of project costs to \$16,964,667.

This Amendment Number Four shall authorize additional project costs in the amount Not-To-Exceed \$4,367,250 for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project

Summary


Previously obligated and authorized for expenditure (CVAG 50% Share)	\$ 500,000
Obligation under Amendment Number One (CVAG 50% Share)	<u>\$ 850,000</u>
Obligation under Amendment Number Two (CVAG 50% Share)	<u>\$ 1,875,000</u>
Obligation under Amendment Number Three (CVAG 75% Share)	<u>\$ 9,372,417</u>
New obligation under Amendment Number Four (CVAG 75% Share)	<u>\$ 4,367,250</u>
Revised Total Amount Authorized for this Project	\$16,964,667

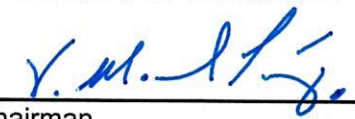
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment Number Four for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on this date:

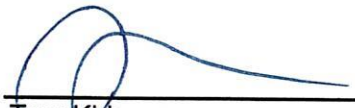
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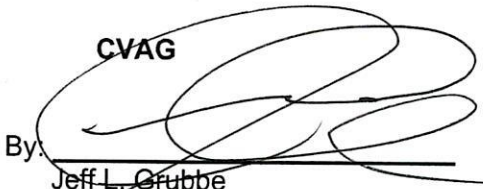
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: 
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Chairman
V. MANUEL PEREZ

ATTEST:

By: 
Tom Kirk
Executive Director

CVAG
By: 
Jeff L. Grubbe
CVAG Chair

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  DATE
SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL

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Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
January 27, 2020



Staff Report

Subject: Amendment Number Four to the Reimbursement Agreement for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project

Contact: Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation (mmagana@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Approve Amendment Number Four to the Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Riverside for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project to provide 75 percent of additional \$5.823 million in construction costs, at a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,367,250, and allow minor changes/revisions for clarification purposes prior to execution by CVAGs Executive Director and/ or Legal Counsel.

Background:

On June 21, 2010, the CVAG Executive Committee approved a Reimbursement Agreement with the Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD) for the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PAED) phase of the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project in an amount of \$500,000.

The new grade separation is in eastern Riverside County, in the unincorporated community of Mecca. The new bridge will be constructed south of the existing 4th Street at-grade crossing and will provide a secondary uninterrupted access to the community.

The project has long been a regional priority. The Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project was approved in the original Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) program adopted by the California Transportation Commission in April 2008, however, it was replaced by the Avenue 52 Grade Separation Project in March 2011 due to funding constraints. After additional TCIF funds became available, the County Transportation Department, in partnership with CVAG and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, developed a plan to fully fund the planned improvements and successfully obtained over \$55.844 million in project funding, including nearly \$12.6 million that has been approved by CVAG to date.

RCTD has received bids and is now preparing to award a construction contract for the project. The lowest and best bid received for the construction contract is \$36.538 million from Riverside Construction Company. Based in part on this bid, the current projected total project cost is estimated to be \$61.707 million, leaving a shortfall of \$5.823 million. The County is seeking additional regional transportation funds to proceed with awarding of the construction contract.

The increase in cost were due to several factors including unit prices that have increased since the original estimate was prepared; geotechnical results; retaining walls; drainage requirements; groundwater issues; and mobilization.

In addition, the project had to be redesigned due to concerns raised by the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) because it impacted an environmentally sensitive area related to the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Fiscal Analysis: The total project cost is now estimated at \$61.707 million.

CVAG's financial participation in the project dates back to the original reimbursement agreement in 2010, providing \$500,000 for PAED. On February 24, 2014, the CVAG Executive Committee approved Amendment Number One for an additional \$850,000 to complete the PAED phase. On September 29, 2014, the CVAG Executive Committee approved Amendment Number Two for an additional \$1,875,000 for right of way acquisition and utility design related to the project. In December 2015, CVAG approved Amendment Number Three to provide \$9,372,417 for construction.

Amendment Number Four would approve an additional \$4,367,250 for construction, which would bring CVAG's total commitment to the project to \$16,964,667.

There are sufficient transportation funds available to cover the additional costs requested. This is an important grade separation project that will allow safe access over the railroad to Highway 111.

Attachment:

1. Riverside County Transportation Department request for additional funding
2. Amendment Number Four