

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



ITEM: 3.63  
(ID # 13040)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

**FROM:** TLMA-TRANSPORTATION:

**SUBJECT:** TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/TRANSPORTATION:  
Approval of the Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Construction of a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard and Minnesota Way, Community of Box Springs; CEQA Exempt, District 1. [\$553,753 Total, \$5,500 Ongoing - Local Funds 100%] (Clerk to Advertise)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the traffic signal at the intersection of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard and Minnesota Way Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities;
2. Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard and Minnesota Way in the Community of Box Springs;
3. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids to be received by the office of the Director of Transportation and Land Management at the Transportation Annex located at 3525 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501. All bids must be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at which time bids will be opened; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting within five (5) working days.

**ACTION: Clerk to Advertise, Policy**

  
Patricia Romo, Director of Transportation 7/20/2020

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Jeffries  
Date: August 25, 2020  
xc: Transp.

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
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>	\$ 553,753	\$ 0	\$ 553,753	\$ 5,500
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> West County DIF Signal Mitigation Fund (100%). There are no General Funds used in this project.			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	20/21

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to install a traffic signal and safety lighting at the "T" intersection of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard and Minnesota Way in the Community of Box Springs of Riverside County.

Proposed improvements include the installation of new traffic signal poles and mast-arms, safety lights, traffic signal cabinets, battery backup system, underground conduits and wiring, pull boxes, foundations, radar/video detection system, new striping, new traffic signs, removing and reconstructing curb ramps, installation of solar powered radar signs to raise the speed awareness of oncoming drivers on Sycamore Canyon Boulevard, and other associated work as required by the Engineer.

The proposed project also includes minor asphalt concrete pavement widening to accommodate a left-turn lane for northbound vehicles turning west onto Minnesota Way.

The submitted plans and specifications have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Project No.: D0-0023

**Environmental Findings**

The project proposes to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard and Minnesota Way. This minor improvement is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (c) because it does not create additional automobile lanes and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of the existing roadway and associated facilities.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

The proposed traffic signal will improve traffic safety by providing controlled traffic movements.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The construction contract is estimated to cost approximately \$553,753. Construction is expected to begin and finish in FY 2020/2021 and will be funded with West County DIF Signal Mitigation

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Funds. The Development Impact Fee (DIF) program, which is governed under Ordinance 659, allows for the use of DIF funds for traffic signal facilities.

Annual traffic signal operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$5,500 to be funded from gas tax.

There are no General Funds used in this project.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Vicinity Map

Notice to Bidders

Notice of Exemption – Sycamore Canyon Boulevard Traffic Signal Project / Journal Voucher  
Specifications and Contract Documents Cover Page



Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst 8/18/2020



Gregory H. Priamos, Director County Counsel 8/3/2020

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**  
**TRANSPORTATION AND**  
**LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY**



Patricia Romo, P.E.  
Director of Transportation

**Transportation Department**  
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

Mojahed Salama, P.E.  
Deputy for Transportation Capital Projects  
Richard Lantis, P.L.S.  
Deputy for Transportation Planning and  
Development

October 23, 2019

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sycamore Canyon Blvd Traffic Signal Project  
Work Order #ZD00023C Task Code #Z1530

**PROJECT SPONSOR:** Riverside County Transportation Department

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Community of University City

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS:** 1st

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

8/27/20  
Date

PP  
Initial

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD) is proposing to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Sycamore Canyon Blvd and Minnesota Way. Sycamore Canyon Blvd is classified as Secondary Highway. Sycamore Canyon Blvd is 35 feet wide with curb and gutter on the west side and a concrete barrier on the east side. Minnesota Way is classified as a Local Road. Minnesota Way is 31 feet with curb and gutter on both sides at the curb returns.

The proposed project will also add a northbound left hand turn lane at the intersection of Sycamore Canyon Blvd and Minnesota Way and re-stripe Sycamore Canyon Blvd from Central Ave to 600 feet south of Minnesota Way.

The proposed project will include the following:

- Installation of new traffic signal
- Removal of street light
- Utility installation and/or relocations
- Widening of pavement
- Reconstruction of curb ramps, sidewalk, curb drain, driveway, curbs and gutters
- Modification of catch basin
- Vegetation removal
- Grading
- Striping of roadway, including pavement markers and reflectors
- Removal/Installation of signs

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The proposed project will be constructed within existing County right of way. Temporary construction easements may be required for the proposed improvements.

This project is subject to compliance with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). The project is within cell criteria areas. In accordance with Section 7 of the

Western Riverside County MSHCP, necessary operation and maintenance along existing roadways are considered a covered activity within and outside of cell criteria areas.

If tree and/or vegetation removal takes place during the migratory bird breeding season (March 1<sup>st</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>), a preconstruction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).

**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:**

**Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities** – The project proposes to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Sycamore Canyon Blvd and Minnesota Way. This minor improvement is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (c) because it does not create additional automobile lanes and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of the existing roadway and associated facilities.

By: Mohamed Eissa, Assistant Transportation Planner

Signed: Mary Zambon  
Mary Zambon, Environmental Project Manager

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO BILL  
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-  
537280-20000-3130500000 ZD00023C Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZD0023C, Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: October 23, 2019

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: Mary Zambon, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: MZambon

PRESENTED BY: Mohamed Eissa

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -



Patricia Romo, P.E.  
Director of Transportation

# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

## TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Transportation Department

Mojahed Salama, P.E.  
Deputy for Transportation Capital Projects  
Richard Lantis, P.L.S.  
Deputy for Transportation Planning and  
Development

DATE: October 23, 2019

TO: Kiyomi Moore, ACR Technician III

FROM: *MZambon*  
Mary Zambon, Environmental Project Manager

RE: **Sycamore Canyon Blvd Traffic Signal Project**  
W.O.#ZD00023C, Task Code #Z1530

The Riverside County Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. 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: Mohamed Eissa. If you have any questions, please contact me at (951) 955-56759.

Attachment

cc: file

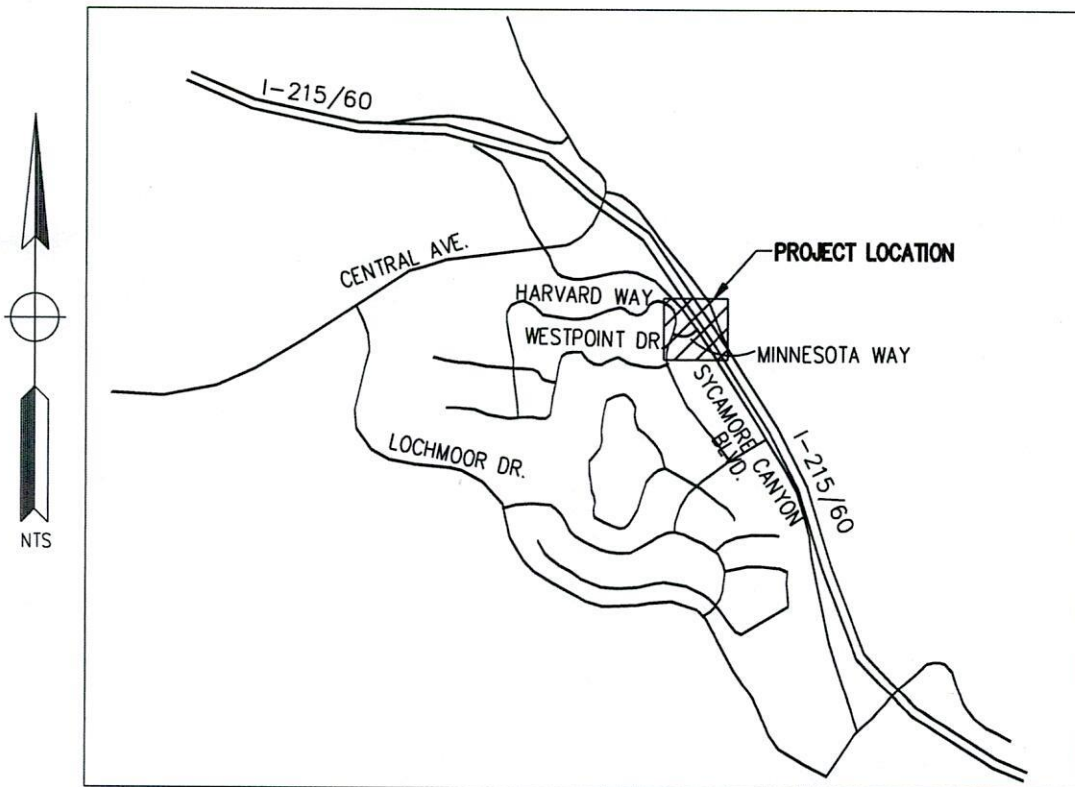
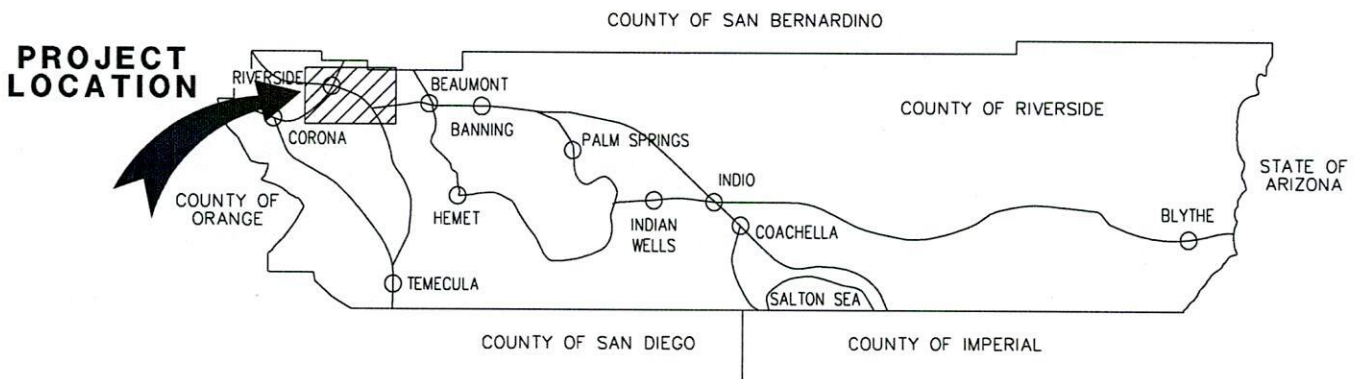
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**SYCAMORE CANYON BOULEVARD  
AND  
MINNESOTA WAY**

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND SAFETY LIGHTING PROJECT**

**COMMUNITY OF BOX SPRINGS**

**PROJECT No. D0-0023**



**VICINITY MAP**