

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



ITEM: 3.14
(ID # 14739)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

FROM: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM:

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM:
Riverside University Health System Medical Center COVID-19 Laboratory Auxiliary Trailer Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt, Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget, District 5. [\$465,435 - RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050 - 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Riverside University Health System Medical Center Coronavirus Disease 2019 Laboratory Auxiliary Trailer (RUHS COVID-19 Lab Auxiliary Trailer) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
2. Find that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption, and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption;
3. Approve in-principle the emergency declared RUHS COVID-19 Lab Auxiliary Trailer Project located in Moreno Valley, California; for installation of an additional trailer for the mobile sampling and testing laboratory;
4. Approve a preliminary project budget in the amount not to exceed \$465,435 for the Project;

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ACTION: Policy, CIP

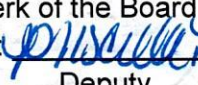

Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management 4/3/2021


Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 4/6/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, 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: April 20, 2021
xc: FM, RUHS, Purchasing

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

5. Authorize the use of RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050 in the amount not to exceed \$465,435 for the emergency work, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred emergency project related expenses;
6. Authorize the Director of Facilities Management, or his/her designee, to administer all necessary agreements in accordance with applicable Board policies;
7. Delegate project management authority for the Project to the Director of Facilities Management in accordance with applicable Board policies, including the authority to utilize consultants on the approved pre-qualified list for services in connection with the Project, and are within the approved Project budget; and
8. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute pre-qualified consultant service agreements not to exceed \$100,000 per pre-qualified consultant, per fiscal year, in accordance with applicable Board policies for this Project, and the sum of all project contracts shall not exceed \$465,435.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 165,000	\$ 300,435	\$ 465,435	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050 - 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2020/21 – 2021/22	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The recently completed RUHS-MC Mobile COVID-19 Testing Lab does not presently have sufficient storage for vital COVID testing supplies, a sub-zero freezer for reagents, and COVID Vaccines or a nearby breakroom facility for the staff.

On December 2020, an emergency declaration was made pursuant to the authority delegated in Resolution 2003-23 by the Board, allowing Facilities Management (FM) to take immediate action to procure contracts to provide emergency work to address these needs for the Project. The additional trailer will include storage for the lab trailer sub-zero freezer and COVID Testing supplies; a place for physicians and nurses to meet away from patients; an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible restroom and a break area as needed to comply with COVID-19 State mandates.

FM recommends the Board approve the RUHS COVID-19 Lab Auxiliary Trailer Project and the preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$465,435. FM will pursue the most cost-effective project delivery method and award in accordance with applicable Board policies.

Pursuant to CEQA, the RUHS COVID-19 Lab Auxiliary Trailer Project was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption; and Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption. The Project, as proposed, is limited to installing a mobile trailer for Laboratory staff to use at the existing RUHS-MC. The improvements will not alter the overall function of the facility. With certainty, there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment because it merely involves minor alterations at an existing facility to provide storage for supplies and a place to meet for staff to allow for continued functioning of the property. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by Facilities Management staff with the County Clerk within five days of Board approval.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

The addition to the RUHS COVID-19 Lab Auxiliary Trailer Project will provide adequate storage for testing supplies, space for a sub-zero freezer for COVID vaccines, and ensure the health and safety of health care workers, thus ensuring the safety of patients and the public.

Additional Fiscal Information

The approximate allocation of the preliminary project budget is as follows:

PROJECT BUDGET LINE ITEMS	CATEGORY	PROJECT BUDGET AMOUNT
Architectural Design	1	60,000
Construction Management	2	0
Construction Contract	3	234,500
Offsite Construction	4	0
Project Management	5	17,215
Fixtures, Furnishings, Equipment	6	0
Other Soft Costs / Specialty Consultants	7	21,408
Project Contingency	8	42,312
Minor Construction	9	90,000
Preliminary Project Budget		\$465,435

All costs associated with this Board action will be 100% funded through RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050. Expenditures for FY 2020/21 are estimated at \$165,000; expenditures for FY 2021/22 are estimated at \$300,435.

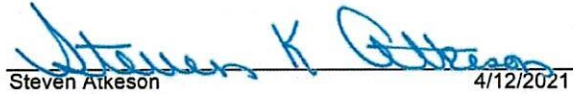
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Suzanna Heckley, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Fleet Service

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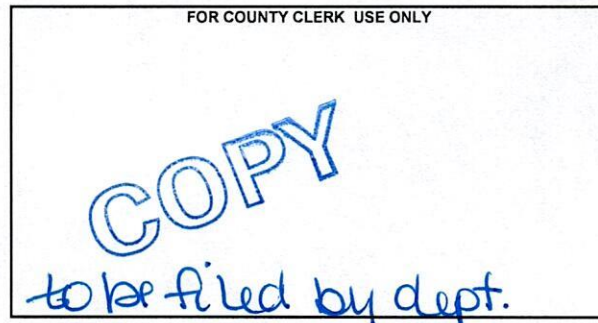
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Gregory F. Priamos, Director County Counsel

4/8/2021

Riverside County
Facilities Management
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 22, 2021

Project Name: Riverside University Health System Medical Center (RUHS-MC) Mobile Coronavirus Disease 2019 Testing Laboratory Auxiliary Trailer Project

Project Number: FM08430010900

Project Locations: 26520 Cactus Avenue, west of Nason Street, Moreno Valley, County of Riverside, California; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 486-280-037

Description of Project: On June 30, 2020, Item 3.18, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the RUHS-MC Mobile COVID-19 Testing Lab Project for construction. The mobile Lab is currently located in an upper parking lot (Lot M) which contains minimal lighting and security and is occupied by hospital staff from 7:00 am to 9:30 pm. Currently the Lab has no breakroom or restroom for the staff, with the exception of a porta-potty. This often results in staff having to walk across two parking lots to use the hospital's facilities.

In October 2020, RUHS requested a project for consideration in declaring an emergency for the procurement of an additional trailer to include storage for the lab trailer freezer and supplies; a place for physicians and nurses to meet away from patients; an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible restroom and a break area for staff. In order to meet state requirements for staff distancing during the pandemic and considering the need for the Team to work long hours on COVID-19 testing, the additional trailer is critical for the Lab staff. The installation of an additional trailer for Lab staff within the RUHS-MC is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the facility will continue to provide public services and will not result in a change or expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption; 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption, Codified under Title 14, Articles 5 and 19, Sections 15061, and 15301.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project include unusual circumstances which could have the possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the implementation of improvements at the RUHS MC.

- **Section 15301 (b)–Existing Facilities:** This Class 1 categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site’s use. The project, as proposed, is limited to the installation of an additional auxiliary trailer within the RUHS-MC to provide storage for the lab trailer freezer and supplies; a place for physicians and nurses to meet away from patients; an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible restroom and a break area for staff.. The improvements would help meet State requirements for staff distancing during the pandemic and facilitate operation of the existing facility. The use of the facility would continue to provide public services and would not result in a significant increase in capacity or intensity of use. Therefore, the project is exempt as it meets the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – “Common Sense” Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed completion of improvements at the RUHS-MC will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The improvements would occur within existing facility, would not significantly increase capacity and is being completed to meet state requirements for social distancing and operation of the facility during the pandemic. The use of the facility for public health services would remain unchanged. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside, Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed:  Date: 3-22-2021

Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner
County of Riverside, Facilities Management