

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



ITEM: 3.22
(ID # 15449)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 05, 2022

FROM : TLMA-PLANNING:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PLANNING:
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-089 ADOPTING THE HIGHWAY 74 MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT PLAN.
CEQA Exempt. Districts 1 and 3. [\$150,232 Total Cost - State Funds 89%, Net County Cost 11%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. **FIND** the Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262 and 15276 based on the findings and conclusions incorporated in this staff report; and,
2. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-089** adopting the Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan for the unincorporated communities of Good Hope, Meadowbrook, and Warm Springs.

ACTION:Policy


Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel

3/23/2022

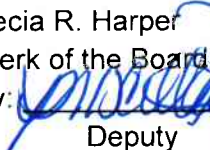

John Hildebrand, Planning Director

3/24/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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 5, 2022
xc: Planning

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	\$ 150,232	\$ 0	\$ 150,232	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 17,232	\$ 0	\$ 17,232	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: \$150,232 Total Cost - State Funds \$133,000 (89%), NCC \$17,232 (11%)			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	21/22

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

Summary

In 2018, The Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA) received a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to fund the development of a comprehensive Multi-Modal Transit Plan (Plan) for the unincorporated communities of Warm Springs, Meadowbrook, and Good Hope. The Board of Supervisors accepted the Caltrans grant for \$133,000 on July 17, 2018 (Agenda Item 3.40).

The Planning Area for this Plan is focused on an 8-mile portion of Highway 74 between the City of Lake Elsinore and the City of Perris. The Plan focuses on identifying the mobility needs and solutions for residents and business owners along the Highway 74 Corridor. The Plan aligns the community's transportation needs and development patterns with the State transportation goals for improving multi-modal mobility and accessibility. The goal of the Plan is to foster livable, healthy, and socially equitable communities.

The County of Riverside collaborated with community stakeholders and organizations to hold numerous public engagement events, meetings, and workshops. These events were held to engage the communities and obtain input in the shaping of the Plan. The following provides more information about these events:

- A. Rider Surveys** - Rider surveys were conducted to understand existing rider habits and areas of concern. The survey was given aboard the RTA Route 9 bus from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. over two weekdays. Translators were available for Spanish-speaking riders. The rider surveys provided the team with valuable insight from community members who already use transit despite the barriers.
- B. Pop-up Events** - Pop-up events were held to understand the existing rider habits of the community and the perceived barriers to frequent transit use. The events allowed the team opportunities to engage with community members, answering their questions and surveying their habits. The events were held on throughout two weekdays at the following locations:
 - a. Moses Schaffer Community Center
 - b. Good Hope Elementary School

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- c. Meadowbrook Market
- d. Costco (Lake Elsinore)
- e. La Guadalupana Market

C. Community Outreach – A community workshop was held on a weekday in the Moses Schaffer Community Center to introduce the concept of a multi-modal transit plan and process, understanding community barriers and concerns, and brainstorming solutions. The meeting was attended by community residents, stakeholders, and agency representatives. The meeting provided an opportunity for the public to understand the process in developing the Plan and how it will be further utilized in the future.

D. Advisory Group - Two (2) Advisory Group meetings were held in 2019, the first meeting was to introduce the advisory group to the proposed planning process and receive preliminary input on the planned approach. The second meeting was to receive input from the advisory group on the proposed improvement types that were developed based on community input. Detailed summaries are included below. The Advisory Group was comprised of stakeholders including agency staff and residents, including:

- o Caltrans
- o Riverside County Transportation Department
- o Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- o Riverside Transit Agency
- o School District Representatives
- o Surrounding City Representatives
- o Residents
- o Local school students

Implementation of the Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan for the unincorporated communities of Good Hope, Meadowbrook, and Warm Springs could have a significantly positive impact not only on the mobility in the communities but also on various socioeconomic issues that hinge on transportation in the area, including access to employment, education, health, and other opportunities and necessities. The Plan will be used by the County for future project planning and to support applications for various State and Federal grant opportunities.

CEQA

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project was reviewed and determined to be statutorily exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) and Section 15276 (Transportation Improvement and Congestion Management Programs). The Neighborhood and Regional Mobility Plans are planning studies for possible future actions.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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The Plan identifies transportation improvements in the unincorporated communities of Warm Springs, Meadowbrook, and Good Hope as part of this Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan (Plan). The plan recommends improvements that will enhance and promote transit ridership and non-motorized travel to and along the Highway 74 corridor. Proposed solutions address safety, connectivity, and user comfort. By expanding access to alternative forms of transportation, proposed solutions will further improve the health and quality of life for residents by improving access to local and regional amenities including recreational and employment opportunities, reducing reliance on the automobile and improving air quality in the community.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants are intended to strengthen the economy, promote equity, and protect the environment. The Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning grants are State funded, primarily through California State Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The Strategic Partnership grants are federally funded through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The grant award is for \$133,000 and required a local match of \$17,232 for a total project amount of \$150,232.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 2022-089
- B. Final Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan with Appendices



Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst 3/29/2022

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-089**

4 **ADOPTING THE HIGHWAY 74 MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT PLAN**

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6 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside (“County”) has received grant funding from the State of
7 California to perform certain activities, including data gathering, context building, community outreach and
8 engagement with residents and stakeholders of the unincorporated communities of Good Hope,
9 Meadowbrook, and Warm Springs to determine transportation, transit and mobility network needs and
10 possible solutions and options; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, to achieve the requirements and purpose of the grant funding, the County prepared the
12 Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan (“Plan”) for the unincorporated communities of Good Hope,
13 Meadowbrook, and Warm Springs to provide guidance and would be available for use by the County and
14 other agencies when implementing any transportation, transit, and mobility solutions any options for these
15 communities; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, the Plan does not involve any specific actions to implement any possible
17 transportation, transit, and mobility solutions and options; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, all provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and Riverside
19 County CEQA implementing procedures have been satisfied; and,

20 **BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Supervisors
21 of the County of Riverside in regular session assembled on March 22, 2022, that the Board hereby adopts
22 the Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan for the unincorporated communities of Good Hope,
23 Meadowbrook, and Warm Springs.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors that the custodians of the documents
25 upon which this decision is based are the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and the County Planning
26 Department, and that such documents are located at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

BY: Aaron C. Gettis 3-23-22 DATE

2 **RESOLUTION 2022-089**

3 **ADOPTING THE HIGHWAY 74 MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT PLAN**

4 ADOPTED by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on April 5, 2022.

5 **ROLL CALL:**

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7 **Ayes:** Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

8 **Nays:** None

9 **Absent:** None

10 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board o
Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

11 KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board

12 By:  _____
Deputy

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