

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



**ITEM: 3.28
(ID # 29822)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

FROM : TLMA-TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/TRANSPORTATION:
Ratify and Execute Amendment No. 6 with Murphy & Evertz, Attorneys at Law, effective June 30, 2025, for Legal Counsel and Services for the Cajalco Road Interim Safety Project and Limonite Ave Interchange Project. Districts 1 and 2. [\$0 Total Amendment Cost, \$915,000 Total Agreement Cost - State Funds 100%] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

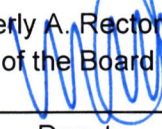
1. Ratify Amendment No. 6 of the Legal Services Agreement between the County of Riverside and Murphy & Evertz, Attorneys at Law, for legal counsel and services for the Cajalco Road Interim Safety Project and the Limonite Avenue Interchange Project; and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the same.
2. Authorize the Director of Transportation or their Designees, to administer, the Agreement in accordance with applicable Board Policies, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved as to form by County Counsel to: (a) sign amendments that make modifications to the scope of services that stay within the intent of the Agreement; and (b) sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of twenty percent (20%) of the total aggregate cost of the agreement through December 31, 2026; and
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase orders to Murphy & Evertz, LLP for invoices received for Legal Counsel Services rendered.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 10, 2026
xc: Transp.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Gas Tax (HUTA) 50% (Cajalco) and Mira Loma Road & Bridge Benefit District 50% (Limonite). There are no General Funds used in this project.			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26 – 26/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The County of Riverside Transportation Department (Transportation Department) has constructed a center turn lane (two-way turn lane) along Cajalco Road from Brown Street to Day Street, in the Mead Valley area. The Cajalco Road Interim Safety Project improved safety and traffic operations by providing a continuous left turn pocket for turning movements on Cajalco Road and at the intersections of Cajalco Road with Brown Street, Clark Street, and Day Street. The project was funded in part with Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds, and the project required the partial acquisition of 29 parcels.

The Transportation Department also constructed improvements to the interchange on Interstate 15 at Limonite Avenue in the City of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley. The improvements consisted of a new 8-lane overcrossing and widening of the off ramps from 2 to 4 lanes. The improvements were constructed to accommodate current and future traffic demands. The project required the partial acquisition of 4 properties and temporary construction easements of 13 properties.

Construction is complete for both projects, but both projects require continued legal services and support associated with condemnation and/or inverse condemnation actions.

By Minute Order 3.55 of July 11, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a Legal Services Agreement between the County of Riverside and Murphy & Evertz, Attorneys at Law, for legal counsel and services related to the acquisition of property needed for the Cajalco Road Interim Safety Project and the Limonite Interchange Project, authorizing a two-year contract with a total cost not to exceed \$100,000.

By Minute Order 3.63 of June 26, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No.1 for a time extension through April 30, 2020, and additional compensation in the amount of \$275,000, with an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$375,000, due to the complexity of right of way negotiations.

By Minute Order 3.25 of May 7, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 2

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providing a time extension through December 31, 2020, and additional compensation in the amount of \$150,000, with an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$525,000.

By Minute Order 3.61 of August 25, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 3 providing a time extension through December 31, 2021, and additional compensation in the amount of \$250,000, with an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$775,000.

On August 17, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 4 providing a time extension through March 31, 2023, and providing additional compensation in the amount of \$140,000, with an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$915,000.

On April 02, 2024, by Minute Order 3.36, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 5 providing a time extension through June 30, 2025, with no change to the total compensation.

The County acquired legal rights to the necessary land for the proposed improvements and to meet the construction schedules. However, settlement with all property owners has not been achieved, and access to focused legal assistance provided by Murphy & Evertz continues to be necessary to complete the right-of-way acquisition phases of the projects.

Amendment No. 6 provides a time extension through December 31, 2026, to complete the additional work on the project. The negotiations and acquisitions have been more complex than hoped, and continued assistance from Murphy & Evertz is needed to supplement the work of the County Counsel's Office.

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Termination date</u>
Original Contract	\$100,000	July 1, 2018
Amendment #1	\$275,000	April 30, 2020
Amendment #2	\$150,000	December 31, 2020
Amendment #3	\$250,000	December 31, 2021
Amendment #4	\$140,000	March 31, 2023
Amendment #5	\$0	June 30, 2025
Amendment #6	\$0	June 30, 2026
Total Contract Amount	\$915,000	

County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The expertise and support of Murphy & Evertz will facilitate the completion of remaining land acquisitions for these important projects.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

This work will be funded by a combination of Gas Tax (HUTA) for the Cajalco Road Interim Safety Project, and Mira Loma Road and Bridge Benefit District funds for the Limonite Avenue

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Interchange Project. The total compensation to be paid to Murphy & Evertz shall remain unchanged from Amendment 4. No net county costs will be expended.

Project No. A3-0393 Limonite Ave Interchange Project
Project No. C6-0060 Cajalco Rd Interim Safety Project

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

Murphy & Evertz is a current on-call service provider with the County of Riverside Facilities Management (FM) for specialized eminent domain work. FM has vetted this firm's qualifications, which includes a specialization in eminent domain, as well as their rates, which are comparable with market rates. The Transportation Department typically utilizes the FM on-call contract which has a cap of \$100,000; however, due to the complexity of the work, unique legal issues, and ongoing negotiations with the property owners to complete the project, the Transportation Department and County Counsel requested a specific agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

Vicinity Map – Limonite Interchange Project
Vicinity Map – Cajalco Road Interim Safety Project
Amendment No. 6



Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet

1/28/2026



Crystal Carrillo, Senior Management Analyst

2/3/2026



Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel

1/29/2026

AMENDMENT No. 6

Amendment to Agreement Between

The County of Riverside and Murphy & Evertz, Attorneys at Law

THIS AMENDMENT to a Legal Services Agreement is made and entered into as of this 10 day of FEB, 2026, by and between the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter the "COUNTY"), and Murphy & Evertz, Attorneys at Law (hereinafter "ATTORNEYS").

RECITALS

- A. COUNTY and ATTORNEYS have entered in an agreement entitled "LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT" that is dated July 11, 2017 (hereinafter the "Agreement"). The Agreement provides the terms and conditions, statement of services and budget for the performance of legal services related to all aspects of the Cajalco Road Interim Safety Project and the Limonite Interchange Project (hereinafter "PROJECTS") and any condemnation and/or inverse condemnation actions associated with these projects.
- B. COUNTY and ATTORNEYS entered into Amendment No. 1 of the contract on June 26, 2018, providing a time extension through April 30, 2020 and additional compensation in the amount of \$275,000.
- C. COUNTY and ATTORNEYS entered into Amendment No. 2 of the contract on May 7, 2019, providing a time extension through December 31, 2020 and additional compensation in the amount of \$375,000 to the amount of \$525,000.
- D. COUNTY and ATTORNEYS entered into Amendment No. 3 of the contract on August 25, 2020, providing a time extension through December 31, 2021 and additional compensation in the amount of \$525,000 to the amount of \$775,000.
- E. COUNTY and ATTORNEYS entered into Amendment No. 4 of the contract on August 17, 2022 extending the term through March 31, 2023, and providing additional compensation from \$775,000 to \$915,000.
- F. COUNTY and ATTORNEYS entered into Amendment No. 5 of the contract on April 2, 2024 extending the term through June 30, 2025.
- G. Despite the expiration of the Agreement, the parties have continued to perform their respective obligations under the Agreement, and desire to reinstate, amend, and extend the expiration of the Agreement to allow the parties to continue to perform as agreed.

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AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The term of the legal services agreement is extended to December 31, 2026, or the completion of the last work assignment, whichever occurs first, unless terminated earlier.
- 2. Except to the extent specifically modified or amended hereunder, all of the terms, covenants and conditions of the Agreement and Amendments, 1, 2, 3, 4. and 5 shall remain in full force and effect between the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to the Agreement to be duly executed this day and year first written above.

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ARTICLE VIII • APPROVALS

COUNTY Approvals

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Dennis Acuna Jan 22, 2026
Dennis Acuna (Jan 22, 2026 18:47:18 PST) Dated: _____


Dennis Acuna
PRINTED NAME

Director of Transportation
TITLE


COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a Political
Subdivision of the State of California

By: Karen S. Spiegel
Karen Spiegel
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
KIMBERLY RECTOR
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MINH C. TRAN
County Counsel

By: 
Stephanie Nelson
Deputy County Counsel

ATTORNEYS Approvals

ATTORNEYS:

Douglas J. Evertz Jan 22, 2026
Douglas J. Evertz (Jan 22, 2026 13:59:36 PST) Dated: _____

Douglas J. Evertz
PRINTED NAME

Partner
TITLE












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Final Audit Report

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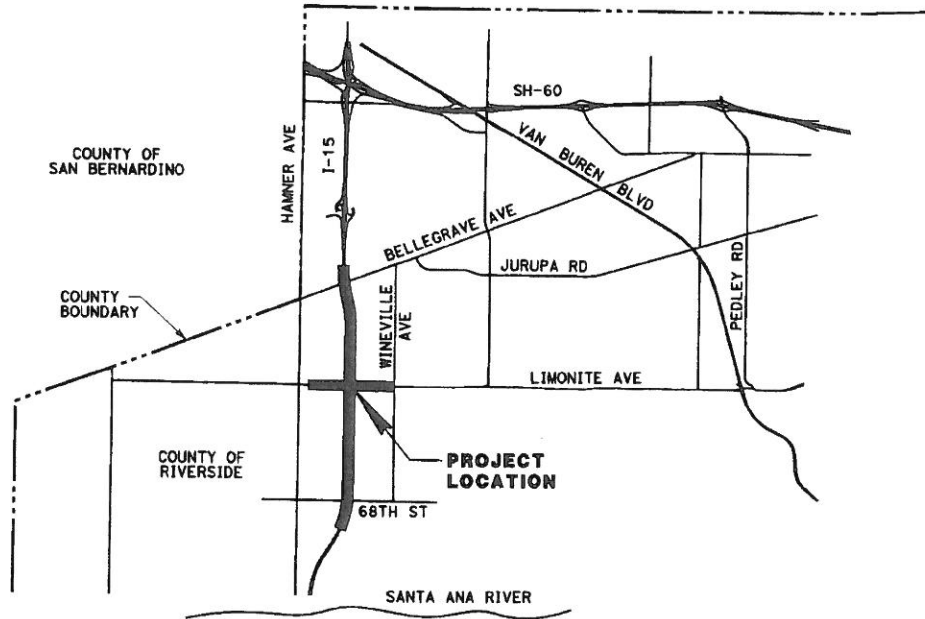
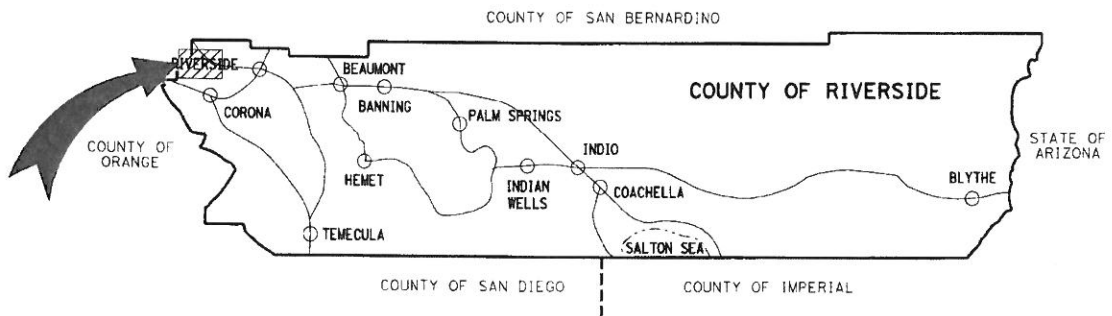
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

LIMONITE AVE AT INTERSTATE 15

INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

IN THE CITY OF EASTVALE AND THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY

PROJECT No. A3-0393



VICINITY MAP

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COUNTY ROAD BOOK PAGE No. 14E

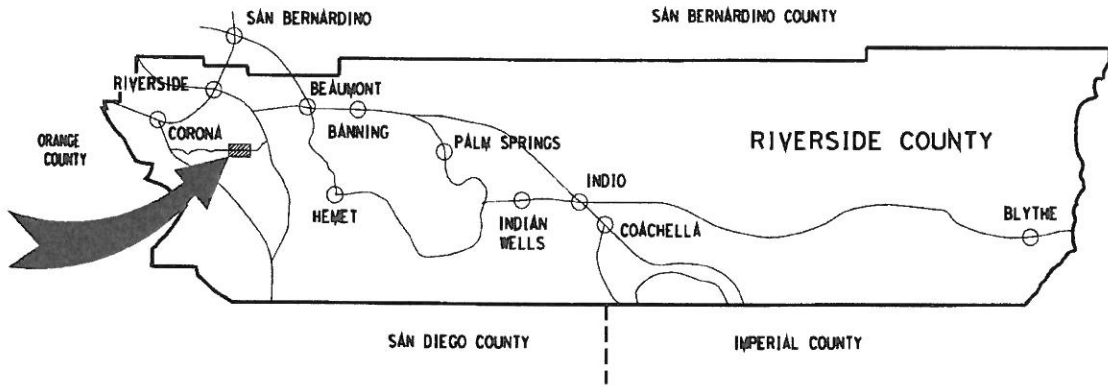
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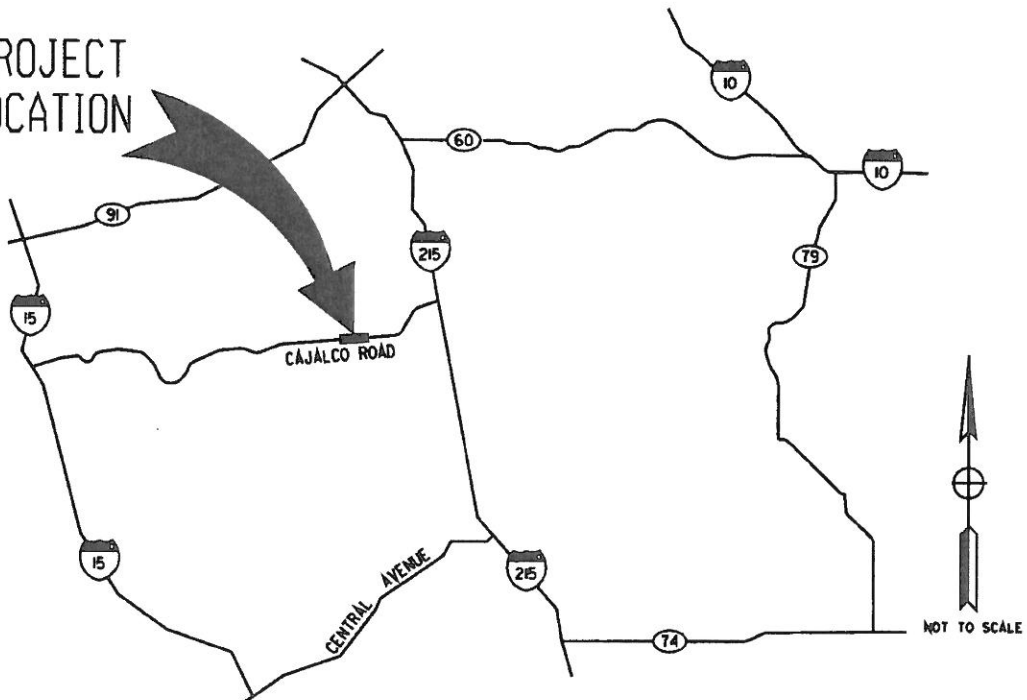
INTERIM SAFETY PROJECT BROWN STREET TO DAY STREET

MEAD VALLEY AREA

PROJECT NO. C6-0060



PROJECT
LOCATION



VICINITY MAP