

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



FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:

October 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Interstate 215 (I-215) at Van Buren Boulevard interchange improvement project.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the Interstate 215 (I-215) at Van Buren Boulevard interchange improvement project, and;
2. Authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids and begin advertisement subject to approval of Federal funds. Bids anticipated to be received in the office of the Director of

Juan C. Perez
Director of Transportation

Patricia Romo
Deputy Director of Transportation

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**FINANCIAL
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ 41,665,000

Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$ 0

Annual Net County Cost: \$ 0

In Current Year Budget: Yes

Budget Adjustment: No

For Fiscal Year: 2011/2012

SOURCE OF FUNDS: March JPA (38%), RCTC Measure A (35%), Federal STP (18%), Federal Demo Earmark (1%), Developer Contribution (5%), TUMF NW Zone (3%)

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30

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Requires 4/5 Vote

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There are no General Funds used in this project

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

Policy ☒ Policy

Consent ☐ Consent

Dept't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref. 12/7/10, item 3.39
9/13/11, item 3.97

District: 1 & 5

Agenda Number:

3.37

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Interstate 215 (I-215) at Van Buren Boulevard interchange improvement project.

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Transportation up to the hour of 2:00 PM, Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at which time bids will be opened.

BACKGROUND: The proposed project consists of replacing and widening the Van Buren Boulevard freeway and railroad overcrossing structures, reconfiguring and signaling of the on and off ramps and adding auxiliary lanes on Interstate 215. Landscaping and aesthetic features are also part of the project.

Projected traffic volume on Van Buren Boulevard at the I-215 interchange is expected to increase significantly due to recent and proposed development in the vicinity. The planned improvements are needed to avoid significant delays during peak hour periods. The proposed improvements will increase the capacity of the interchange to accommodate the projected traffic growth, and allows for the expanding of the Meridian Business Park and March Health Care campus. The March re-use is expected to generate over 15,000 jobs and is the single largest new job source in the County.

On December 7, 2010 (agenda item 3.39), the Board of Supervisors approved the Construction Cooperative agreement, No. 08-1471 between Caltrans and the County of Riverside. This agreement was amended on September 13, 2011 (agenda item 3.97) as agreement, No. 08-1471 A/1. This agreement outlines each agency's responsibility for the construction and funding of the improvements for the I-215/Van Buren Boulevard Interchange project.

This project is being funded with March Joint Powers Authority (JPA) funds, Measure A Economic Development funds, Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, Federal Demonstration (Demo) earmark funds, developer contributions, TUMF and Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) from State's Proposition 1B bond program for goods movement.

In January of 2008 the I-215/Van Buren interchange project was designated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to receive \$10 million in TCIF. Currently, the \$10 million in TCIF is not available due to a delay in Proposition 1B bond sales. As a result, the County requested assistance from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). In May of 2011, authorization was granted by RCTC to loan the County \$10 million to front the unallocated TCIF funds. The cooperative agreement between RCTC and the County of Riverside, outlining the terms and conditions of this loan, will be going to the Board prior to or concurrent with the award of this project.

On September 15, 2011, the CTC deferred allocation of TCIF funds and approved Riverside County's request to proceed with construction using local transportation funds until such time as the State is able to allocate TCIF funds to the project.

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

Environmental clearance is complete.

Project No. B7-0798

Project No. STPLN – 5956(201) (Federal)