

MEETING AGENDA

Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Date: April 26, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, (March 18, 2020), the meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clint Lorimore, **Chair**/Todd Rigby, City of Eastvale
Ben J. Benoit, **Vice Chair**/Joseph Morabito, City of Wildomar
Wes Speake/Jim Steiner, City of Corona
Linda Krupa/Russ Brown, City of Hemet
Brian Berkson/Guillermo Silva, City of Jurupa Valley
Bill Zimmerman/Dean Deines, City of Menifee
Yxstian Gutierrez/To Be Appointed, City of Moreno Valley
Scott Vinton/Christi White, City of Murrieta
Ted Hoffman/Katherine Aleman, City of Norco
Michael Vargas/Rita Rogers, City of Perris
Kevin Jeffries, County of Riverside, District I
Jeff Hewitt, County of Riverside, District V

STAFF

Anne Mayer, Executive Director
John Standiford, Deputy Executive Director

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Air Quality, Capital Projects, Communications and Outreach Programs, Intermodal Programs, Motorist Services, New Corridors, Regional Agencies/Regional Planning, Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), Specific Transit Projects, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program, and Provide Policy Direction on Transportation Programs and Projects related to Western Riverside County and other areas as may be prescribed by the Commission.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

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AGENDA*

**Actions may be taken on any item listed on the agenda*

1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 2021

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. ROLL CALL

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Each individual speaker is limited to speak three (3) continuous minutes or less. The Committee may, either at the direction of the Chair or by majority vote of the Committee, waive this three minute time limitation. Depending on the number of items on the Agenda and the number of speakers, the Chair may, at his/her discretion, reduce the time of each speaker to two (2) continuous minutes. Also, the Committee may terminate public comments if such comments become repetitious. In addition, the maximum time for public comment for any individual item or topic is thirty (30) minutes. Speakers may not yield their time to others without the consent of the Chair. Any written documents to be distributed or presented to the Committee shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. This policy applies to Public Comments and comments on Agenda Items.*

- 5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Committee may add an item to the Agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee members present, adding an item to the agenda requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2021

7. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 16-31-102-00 WITH COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO FUND A PROJECT STUDY REPORT FOR THE INTERSTATE 215/ETHANAC ROAD INTERCHANGE

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 16-31-102-00 with the County of Riverside (County) to utilize the remaining balance of \$1,041,716 of 2009 Measure A Western County New Corridors Program funds from the original agreement for the preparation of a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Interstate 215/Ethanac Road Interchange, for which the County will serve as lead agency;
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the amendment on behalf of the Commission; and
- 3) Forward to the Commission for final action.

8. INTERSTATE 15 EXPRESS LANES PROJECT DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT FINAL ACCEPTANCE

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve Final Acceptance for the Interstate 15 Express Lanes Project (I-15 ELP or Project) Design-Build Contract, Agreement No. 16-31-057-00, with Skanska-Ames, a Joint Venture, subject to the Executive Director's verification that all contract requirements for Final Acceptance have been met; and
- 2) Forward to the Commission for final action.

9. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 19-33-004-00 WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIVERSIDE LAYOVER FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve Agreement No. 19-33-004-01, Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 19-33-004-00, between the Commission and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for the construction of the Riverside Layover Facility Improvement project (Project) in the amount of \$99,999, plus a contingency amount of \$10,000, for an additional amount of \$109,999, and a total amount not to exceed \$281,999;
- 2) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the cooperative agreement on behalf of the Commission;
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or designee to approve the use of a contingency, as may be required for these services; and
- 4) Forward to the Commission for final action.

10. LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM RESOLUTION

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-005, "*Resolution of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Regarding Authorization for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the Expanded Perris Valley Line Operations Project Fiscal Year 2022 Funds in the Amount of \$864,540*"; and
- 2) Forward to the Commission for final action.

11. MEASURE A SPECIALIZED TRANSIT AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021/22 – 2023/24

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve the staff recommendations for the Measure A Western Riverside County Specialized Transit Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 - 2023/24 Call for Projects totaling \$8,951,257;
- 2) Approve an allocation of \$150,000 for a specialized transit pilot program for the city of Menifee (City);
- 3) Direct staff to prepare agreements with the award recipients to outline the scope, project schedules, and local funding commitments;
- 4) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director to execute the agreements with the award recipients, pursuant to legal counsel review; and
- 5) Forward to the Commission for final action.

12. 15/91 EXPRESS LANES CONNECTOR UPDATE

Overview

This item is for the Commission to receive an oral report for the 15/91 Express Lanes Connector Project.

13. COMMISSIONERS / STAFF REPORT

Overview

This item provides the opportunity for the Commissioners and staff to report on attended and upcoming meeting/conferences and issues related to Commission activities.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee meeting is scheduled to be held at **1:30 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2021**, via Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM 6

MINUTES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 22, 2021

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee was called to order by Chair Clint Lorimore at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting ID: 823 0498 3894. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, (March 18, 2020), the Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, Commissioner Wes Speake led the Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee in a flag salute.

3. ROLL CALL

Members/Alternates Present

Members Absent

Ben Benoit
Brian Berkson
Yxstian Gutierrez
Jeff Hewitt*
Ted Hoffman
Kevin Jeffries
Linda Krupa
Clint Lorimore
Wes Speake
Michael Vargas
Scott Vinton
Bill Zimmerman

*arrived after meeting was called to order

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak.

5. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

There were no additions or revisions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2021

M/S/C (Hoffman/Benoit) to approve the minutes as submitted.

7. POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS AT COMMISSION-OWNED PROPERTIES

Gary Ratliff, Facilities Administrator, presented the details of the policy for implementation of solar power systems at Commission-owned properties.

Commissioner Scott Vinton asked in terms of the settlement agreement we are required to put in solar panels but this policy is saying that only if it is economically beneficial to the Commission but what if none of the options were beneficial?

Mr. Ratliff replied the settlement agreement requires the solar panels and staff would have to bring the solar project to the Commission to get approval each time.

Anne Mayer, Executive Director, added the Commission is obligated to install solar panels at these two stations and explained the policy is for all future solar projects as well so we can continue in the most cost effective way.

Mr. Ratliff explained for Commissioner Vinton why the Commission did not choose to be a solar generator.

M/S/C (Vargas/Vinton) to:

- 1) Adopt a policy regarding the selection and installation of solar power systems at Commission-owned properties;**
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 21-003, *“Resolution of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Regarding the Policy for Implementation of Solar Power Systems at Commission-owned Properties”*; and**
- 3) Forward to the Commission for final action.**

8. AMENDMENT TO CITY OF CORONA’S FY 2020/21 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Eric DeHate, Transit Manager, presented the scope of the amendment to the city of Corona’s FY 2020/21 Short Range Transit Plan.

M/S/C (Speake/Krupa) to:

- 1) **Approve a \$200,000 increase in the FY 2020/21 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) funding allocation for the city of Corona (City);**
- 2) **Amend the City's FY 2020/21 Short Range Transit Plan (S RTP) to increase the LTF operating allocation in the amount of \$200,000 for operating expenses; and**
- 3) **Forward to the Commission for final action.**

At this time, Commissioner Jeff Hewitt joined the meeting.

9. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE FOR ENHANCED LANDSCAPING AND AESTHETICS TO ADD GRINDING AND PAVING OF GRAPE STREET FOR THE INTERSTATE 15/RAILROAD CANYON ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Bryce Johnston, Capital Projects Manager, presented the scope of the amendment with the city of Lake Elsinore for enhanced landscaping and aesthetics to add grinding and paving of Grape Street for the I-15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange improvements project.

Commissioners Speak and Benoit congratulated staff on the progress of the project.

M/S/C (Benoit/Jeffries) to:

- 1) **Approve Agreement No. 19-31-031-01, Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 19-31-031-00, with the city of Lake Elsinore (City) to add grinding and paving for Grape Street for the Interstate 15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange Improvements Project (Project) for an additional City contribution of \$339,801, for a total City contribution not to exceed \$1,094,801;**
- 2) **Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission; and**
- 3) **Forward to the Commission for final action.**

10. COMMISSIONERS / STAFF REPORT

10A. Anne Mayer announced Joe Tavaglione has been reappointed to the CTC.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Mobley
Clerk of the Board

AGENDA ITEM 7

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	April 26, 2021
TO:	Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee
FROM:	Jillian Guizado, Planning and Programming Director
THROUGH:	John Standiford, Deputy Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 16-31-102-00 with County of Riverside to Fund a Project Study Report for the Interstate 215/Ethanac Road Interchange

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 16-31-102-00 with the County of Riverside (County) to utilize the remaining balance of \$1,041,716 of 2009 Measure A Western County New Corridors Program funds from the original agreement for the preparation of a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Interstate 215/Ethanac Road Interchange, for which the County will serve as lead agency;
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the amendment on behalf of the Commission; and
- 3) Forward to the Commission for final action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its November 2014 meeting, the Commission approved \$2 million of 2009 Measure A Western County New Corridors Program funds in response to a joint request from the County and cities of Lake Elsinore, Menifee, and Perris (Cities). The request was for funding of an east-west corridor study along SR-74/Ethanac Road to serve as a future direct route between Antelope Road in Romoland and SR-74 in Meadowbrook and to study the establishment of a new connection from SR-74 to Interstate 15 via Nichols Road (in its entirety, Ethanac Expressway). The purpose of the study was to determine the feasibility of developing a corridor that would eliminate the circuitous detours between I-15 and I-215, thereby providing an efficient east-west route. The Project Study Report Equivalent (PSRE) was estimated to cost \$3 million. The County and the Cities committed a combined \$1 million in addition to the Commission's \$2 million. Agreement No. 16-31-102-00 was entered into on February 13, 2017 pursuant to the Commission's action.

DISCUSSION:

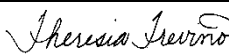
The County entered into an agreement with Michael Baker International on March 17, 2017 to prepare the PSRE. On September 29, 2020, the County transmitted to the Commission the completed PSRE for the Ethanac Expressway (Attachment 1). The PSRE consisted of five primary study elements: community input, community plan consistency, traffic analysis, environmental and engineering studies, and project scoping. The PSRE resulted in identification of nine study segments (Attachment 2). Each study segment is envisioned to be evaluated as separate projects and as funding becomes available. One of the nine study segments identified is the I-215/Ethanac Road Interchange which was determined to be among the top priorities.

On March 4, 2021, the County sent a letter to the Commission indicating there were cumulative cost savings on the PSRE work (Attachment 3). Given the 2:1 ratio of Commission to County/Cities funding on the PSRE, approximately \$1,041,716 of Commission-dedicated 2009 Measure A Western County New Corridors Program funds remain. The County requests this remaining balance be applied toward advancing one of the nine study segments with the preparation of a PSR for the I-215/Ethanac Road Interchange. The remaining balance of County/Cities funding would also be applied by the County to perform this work. The County indicated it has sufficient budget with Michael Baker International, the consultant that prepared the PSRE, to advance the PSR for the I-215/Ethanac Road Interchange. As such, upon all necessary approvals and execution of relevant agreements, the County anticipates work beginning by July 1, 2021.

Staff supports the County's request to apply the balance of funds dedicated to the Ethanac Expressway to prepare a PSR for the I-215/Ethanac Road Interchange and recommends approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 16-31-102-00 (Attachment 4).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Reimbursements to the County for remaining work on the PSRE and work to be initiated on the PSR have been budgeted in both Fiscal Years (FY) 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Financial Information					
In Fiscal Year Budget:	Yes Yes	Year:	FY 2020/21 FY 2021/22	Amount:	\$0 \$1,041,716
Source of Funds:	2009 Measure A Western County New Corridors Program Funds			Budget Adjustment:	No No
GL/Project Accounting No.:	615133 81101 00000 0000 261 31 81101				
Fiscal Procedures Approved:				Date:	04/12/2021

Attachments:

- 1) County PSRE transmittal letter dated September 29, 2020
- 2) Ethanac Expressway Nine Study Segments Map
- 3) County funding request letter dated March 4, 2021
- 4) Draft Amendment No. 16-31-102-01



Patricia Romo, P.E.
Director of Transportation

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Transportation Department

September 29, 2020

Riverside County Transportation Commission
Attn: Alexandra Rackerby
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Re: Ethanac Expressway Planning Study Final Reports & Documents

Dear Ms. Rackerby:

Riverside County in cooperation with Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Cities of Lake Elsinore, Menifee and Perris, conducted a planning study for a proposed new expressway with the intent of recommending enhancements that will improve regional east-west movement and connectivity between Interstate 15 and Interstate 215 and improve access to/from the communities east of I-215.

This study is complete and evaluated vehicular mobility, provided a future vision for the corridor, and outlined a delivery approach. These items are summarized in Corridor Development Report – Executive Summary and detailed in various studies. The studies are enclosed on a USB drive in this transmittal package and described below:

- **Brochure** – A visual summary of the corridor assessment is provided on a tri-folded handout.
- **PowerPoint presentation** – A presentation summary of the corridor assessment is provided in PowerPoint format. The presentation incorporates feedback from local agencies, stakeholders and County management.
- **Video flyover** –The video is comprised of three parts: the first segment provides an overview of the proposed corridor improvements, the middle segment provides a flyover view and description (traveling from west to east), and the final segment describes the delivery approach.
- **Corridor Development Report – Executive Summary** – The deliverable provides a brief (14 page) summary of the community input, community plan consistency, traffic analysis, environmental and engineering studies, project scoping and delivery approach.
- **Corridor Development Report** – The deliverable provides a detailed overview of the individual studies performed during the study phase, including the Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report, the Traffic Study, the Community Outreach Summary, and additional details related to scoping the engineering for the proposed corridor enhancements on Nichols Road and Ethanac Road.

- **Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report** - A Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report was prepared and documents the environmental studies and approvals that are anticipated to be required during future phases of project development.
- **Traffic Study** - A comprehensive traffic study, titled Ethanac Expressway Traffic Operations Report, was prepared for the entire Ethanac Expressway corridor. The focus of the traffic analysis was to define an ultimate vision for the corridor, identify existing and future circulation deficiencies and document the need for corridor improvements, and assist the County with the phasing and sequencing for the entire corridor.
- **Community Outreach Summary** - An extensive community outreach program was conducted to obtain input from the potential users of the facility, residents in the area, and state, regional, and local stakeholders. The outreach effort is summaries in this deliverable.

The brochure, PowerPoint presentation, video flyover and Corridor Development Report – Executive Summary will also be posted to the County’s website subsequent to this transmittal distribution:
<https://rcprojects.org/ethanac-expressway>

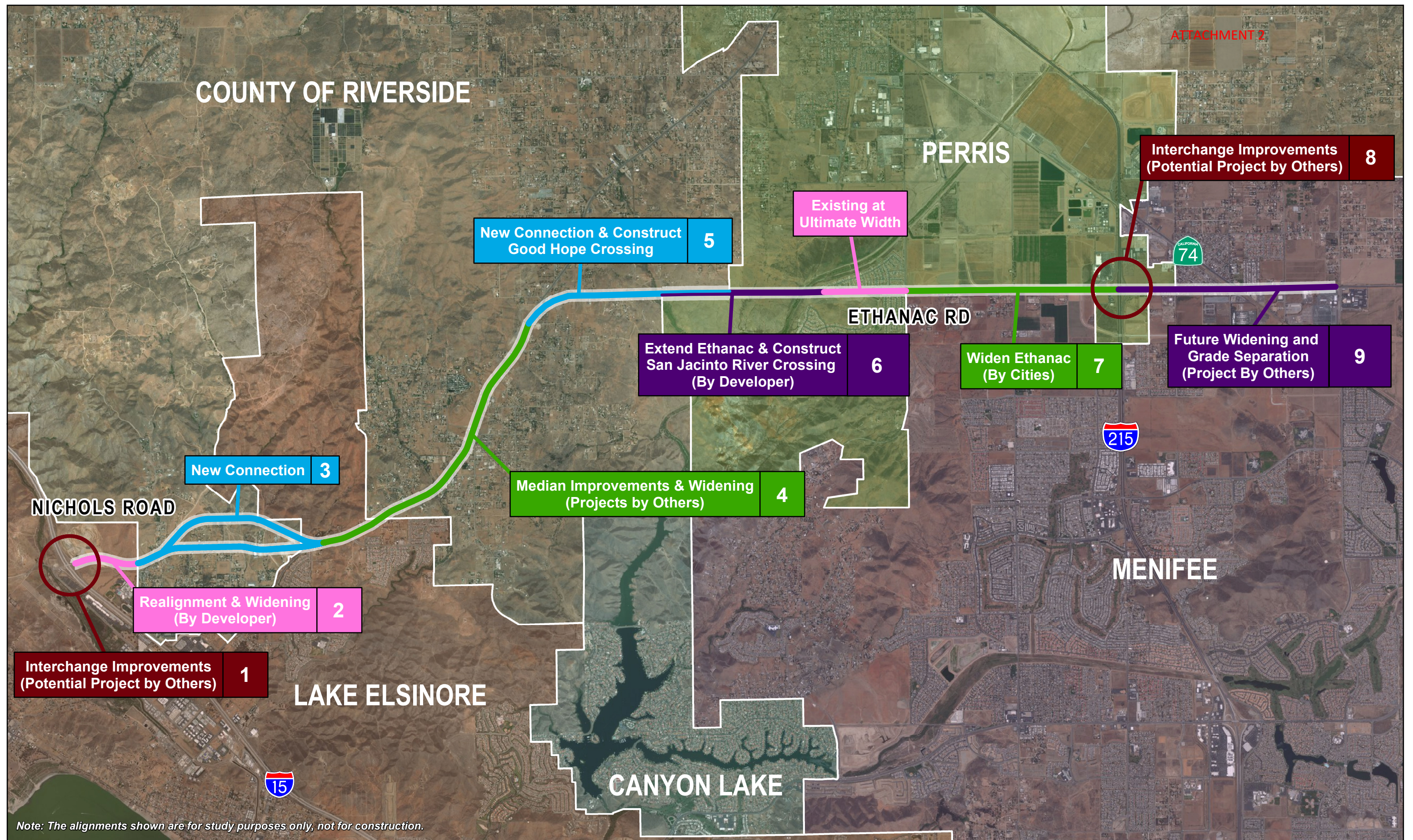
Transmittal of these final reports and documents represents completion of the planning study effort. The County appreciates the help and cooperation each of the cities provided in support of this effort. If you have any comments or questions, you can contact me at cstaley@rivco.org or at (951) 955-2092 at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott Staley
Project Manager

- enc. Corridor Development Report – Executive Summary (4 copies)
Project Brochures (200 copies)
USB Drive
- cc. Remon Habib (City of Elsinore)
Brad Brophy (City of Perris),
Carlos Geronimo (City of Menifee),
Khalid Nasim (RCTD), Mojahed Salama (RCTD), Patricia Romo (RCTD),
Rebecca Young (Michael Baker Intl.)



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Source: Esri World Imagery, County of Riverside

ETHANAC EXPRESSWAY Project Segments



Mark Lancaster
Director of Transportation

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Richard Lantis, P.L.S.
*Deputy for Transportation/Planning and
 Development*

Transportation Department

March 4, 2021

Riverside County Transportation Commission
 Attn: Jillian Guizado
 Planning & Programming Manager, Riverside County Transportation Commission
 4080 Lemon St, 3rd Floor
 Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Request for use of Remaining Ethanac Road Corridor Study Funds for Preparation of Project Initiation Documents for the Ethanac Rd / I-215 Interchange Improvements Project

Dear Ms. Guizado,

The Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD) in cooperation with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Cities of Lake Elsinore, Menifee, and Perris (Cities), recently completed a corridor planning study for a proposed new expressway between I-15 and I-215 involving connecting Nichols Rd to SH 74 and connecting Ethanac Rd to SH 74. The proposed new expressway would involve various improvements including a bridge crossing, new roadway, grade separation, and interchange improvements at Ethanac Rd and I-215.

A funding agreement was executed between RCTD and RCTC on January 17, 2017 to outline the funding of the corridor planning study. The agreement included \$2,000,000 to be provided by RCTC and \$1,000,000 to be provided by the Local Agencies (RCTD and the Cities). An engineering services agreement was executed between RCTD and Michael Baker International on March 17, 2017 to prepare the corridor planning study. Michael Baker International's fee was \$1,500,000. An additional funding agreement was executed between RCTD and the Cities on June 25, 2019 defining the funding participation to be provided by the Local Agencies. Of the \$3,000,000 allocated for the corridor planning study, \$1,943,370 was expended with an available remaining balance of \$1,056,630.

The study results included a phasing plan which showed improvements at the Ethanac Rd / I-215 interchange among the top priority, which Supervisor Jeff Hewitt also identified as a priority. RCTD is requesting to utilize the remaining available balance of \$1,056,630 to fund the Project Study Report / Project Development Study (PSR/PDS) project initiation documents for the Ethanac Rd / I-215 Interchange. The project initiation documents are a necessary step to prepare the project for the next preliminary engineering and environmental phase. The existing agreement with Michael Baker International has sufficient budget

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available to complete the necessary interchange project initiation documents. The remaining funds of \$1,056,630 is expected to cover engineering fees, management costs, and Caltrans review and approval costs to complete the PSR/PDS project initiation phase. Feel free to contact Khalid Nasim, Engineering Division Manager, at (951) 955-6800 or knasim@rivco.org for more information.

Sincerely,



Mark Lancaster
Director of Transportation

cc: KNasim, County of Riverside Engineering Manager

Agreement No. 16-31-102-01**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT
BETWEEN****RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE****FOR THE FUNDING OF MEASURE A WESTERN COUNTY NEW CORRIDORS
ETHANAC ROAD/SR-74/NICHOLS ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT IMPROVEMENT
STUDY AND TO INCLUDE PROJECT STUDY REPORT OF I-215/ETHANAC ROAD
INTERCHANGE****1. Parties and Date.**

This Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and County of Riverside (County).

2. Recitals.

2.1 RCTC and the County have entered into an agreement entitled "Agreement with the County of Riverside for the Funding of Measure A Western County New Corridors Improvement Study of the Ethanac Road/SR-74/Nichols Road Corridor Project" dated February 13, 2017 (Master Agreement).

2.2 The Master Agreement established the County as the lead agency for the preparation of the Project Study Report (PSR) equivalent for the Ethanac Road/State Route 74 (SR-74)/Nichols Road Corridor (Corridor) to be funded with \$2,000,000 in Measure A New Corridors Funds allocated by RCTC.

2.3 The County completed the PSR equivalent for the Corridor in September 2020, utilizing approximately \$958,284 of the Measure A New Corridors Funds allocated by RCTC.

2.4 In a letter dated March 4, 2021, the County requested RCTC reallocate the remaining \$1,041,716 from the Corridor PSR equivalent to prepare a new PSR for the Interstate 215 (I-215) / Ethanac Road interchange, which is one of the top priority phases identified in the Corridor PSR equivalent, for which the County will be the lead agency.

2.5 The Parties now desire, pursuant to this Amendment No. 1, to memorialize the funding reallocation to prepare a PSR on the I-215/Ethanac Road interchange, and to include the PSR work under the Master Agreement. The scope of work, funding, and timetable for the PSR on the I-215/Ethanac Road interchange is set forth in Exhibit "A" of this Amendment No. 1.

3. Terms.

3.1 Capitalized terms used in the Master Agreement and not otherwise defined in this Amendment No. 1 shall have the meanings as set forth in the Master Agreement.

3.2 Section 3.2, RCTC Funding Amount, of the Master Agreement shall be amended to include the following:

RCTC and the County will reallocate the funds remaining from the project study report equivalent phase (approximately \$1,041,716) to the PSR for the I-215/Ethanac Road interchange.

3.3 Sections 3.2.4, Cost Savings, 3.3, County's Funding Obligation to Complete the Work, 3.4 Work Responsibilities of the County, and 3.5 Term/Notice of Completion of the Master Agreement shall be amended to provide that the obligations set forth in these provisions apply to the PSR work to the same extent as the same apply to the project study report equivalent.

3.4 Section 3.24, Notification, of the Master Agreement shall be amended as follows:

County of Riverside

Transportation Department
4080 Lemon St., 8th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

ATTN: Director of Transportation

RCTC

Riverside County Transportation Commission
4080 Lemon St., 3rd Floor
Mailing address: P.O. Box 12008
Riverside, CA 92502-2208

ATTN: Executive Director

3.5 This Amendment No. 1 is in all respects governed by California law and venue for any dispute shall be in Riverside County.

3.6 The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated by reference into this Amendment No. 1 as though fully set forth herein.

3.7 Except as amended by this Amendment No. 1, all provisions of the Master Agreement, including without limitation the indemnity provisions, shall remain in full force and effect and shall govern the actions of the Parties under this Amendment No. 1.

3.8 This Amendment No. 1 may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

3.9 A manually signed copy of this Amendment No. 1 which is transmitted by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Amendment No. 1 for all purposes. This Amendment No. 1 may be signed using an electronic signature.

[Signatures on following page]

**SIGNATURE PAGE
TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
FOR THE FUNDING OF MEASURE A WESTERN COUNTY NEW CORRIDORS
ETHANAC ROAD/SR-74/NICHOLS ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT IMPROVEMENT
STUDY AND TO INCLUDE PROJECT STUDY REPORT OF I-215/ETHANAC ROAD
INTERCHANGE**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment No. 1 as of the date first set forth above.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

By: _____
Anne Mayer, Executive Director

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: _____
Mark Lancaster,
Director of Transportation

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Best Best & Krieger LLP
Counsel to the Riverside County
Transportation Commission

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Title: _____

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By: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

SCOPE OF WORK, FUNDING AND TIMETABLE

SCOPE OF WORK:

Prepare the Project Study Report (PSR) project initiation documents for the Ethanac Rd / 1-215 Interchange. The project initiation documents are a necessary step to evaluate and prepare the project for the next preliminary engineering and environmental phase (PA&ED).

FUNDING:

PHASE	New Corridors Fund	LOCAL	STATE/FEDERAL	TOTAL
PSR/PDS	\$1,041,716	\$0	\$0	\$1,041,716

TIMETABLE:

Phase	Start Date	End Date	Comments
PSR/PDS	07/01/2021	6/30/2023	See below

Comments:

- Consultant expected to be under contract in July 2021.
- Time to produce PSR has been assumed at about 18 months. The PSR requires Caltrans approval which is estimated conservatively to add 6 months to the completion schedule.

AGENDA ITEM 8

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	
DATE:	April 26, 2021
TO:	Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee
FROM:	David Thomas, Interim Toll Program Director
THROUGH:	Anne Mayer, Executive Director
SUBJECT:	Interstate 15 Express Lanes Project Design-Build Contract Final Acceptance

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve Final Acceptance for the Interstate 15 Express Lanes Project (I-15 ELP or Project) Design-Build Contract, Agreement No. 16-31-057-00, with Skanska-Ames, a Joint Venture, subject to the Executive Director's verification that all contract requirements for Final Acceptance have been met; and
- 2) Forward to the Commission for final action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The I-15 ELP is part of the Commission's 2009 Measure A Western Riverside County Highway 10-Year Delivery Plan. The project, when opened, results in one to two tolled express lanes in each direction between the I-15/Cajalco Road interchange in Corona and the I-15/State Route 60



Figure 1: I-15 Express Lanes Project Vicinity Map

interchange just south of the Riverside/San Bernardino County line – approximately 15 miles (Figure 1 Vicinity Map).

On April 12, 2017, the Commission awarded Agreement No. 16-31-057-00 to Skanska-Ames, a Joint Venture, for the design and construction of the I-15 ELP.

This Design-Build Contract has three distinct completion milestones of which two have been met:

1. Substantial Completion – 15 Express Lanes turned over to the Toll Service Provider on August 17, 2020.
2. Project Completion – Construction activities complete except for deferred punch list work. This completion milestone occurred on January 15, 2021.

The third completion milestone, Final Acceptance, is nearing completion and requires the Commission's formal acceptance after the following has occurred:

1. All requirements for the Project Completion milestone shall have been fully satisfied;
2. The Commission shall have received all design documents, original working drawings, shop drawings, final as-built documents, right-of-way record maps, surveys, test data and other deliverables required under the Contract Documents;
3. The Design-Builder shall have submitted and received Commission approval for all contract-required Design-Build Final Acceptance Submittals;
4. All special tools, equipment, furnishings, and supplies purchased and/or used by the Design-Builder as provided in the Contract Documents shall have been delivered to the Commission and all replacement spare parts shall have been purchased and delivered to the Commission free and clear of liens; and
5. The items on the Final Acceptance punch list shall have been completed to the satisfaction of the Commission and Caltrans, and all the Design-Builder's other obligations under the Contract Documents shall have been satisfied in full or waived in writing by Commission.

Additionally, Caltrans shall accept the work and issue relief of maintenance within its jurisdictional boundaries of the Project. Caltrans shall also perform a final review and accept the Project including all permitting and environmental commitments and other requirements. The two remaining work items are warranty work to correct defective items for a period of two years and plant establishment and habitat restoration, which is a contract requirement for three years after Final Acceptance. All the above contract Final Acceptance requirements have either been met or are imminent. Staff recommends approval of Final Acceptance of the Design-Build Contract subject to the Executive Director's verification that all contract requirements for Final Acceptance have been met.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to approval of Final Acceptance of the Design-Build Contract.

AGENDA ITEM 9

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	April 26, 2021
TO:	Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee
FROM:	Bryce Johnston, Capital Projects Manager
THROUGH:	Marlin Feenstra, Project Delivery Director
SUBJECT:	Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 19-33-004-00 with Southern California Regional Rail Authority for Construction of the Riverside Layover Facility Improvement Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve Agreement No. 19-33-004-01, Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 19-33-004-00, between the Commission and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for the construction of the Riverside Layover Facility Improvement project (Project) in the amount of \$99,999, plus a contingency amount of \$10,000, for an additional amount of \$109,999, and a total amount not to exceed \$281,999;
- 2) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the cooperative agreement on behalf of the Commission;
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or designee to approve the use of a contingency, as may be required for these services; and
- 4) Forward to Commission for final action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In December 2018 the Commission approved Cooperative Agreement No. 19-33-004-00 with SCRRA (Metrolink) to provide construction support services for the expansion of the existing Riverside–Downtown Metrolink Station Layover Facility from one storage track to three storage tracks. This increased layover capacity is required for the storage and servicing of trains providing existing Metrolink service. The Project is located at the north end of the existing Riverside–Downtown Station on right of way owned by the Commission.

On June 12, 2020, the Commission approved the award of Agreement No. 19-33-029-00 for the construction of the Riverside–Downtown Metrolink Station Layover Expansion Project to Reyes Construction (Reyes). As part of the contract work, Reyes was to remove and reuse the existing wayside power cabinet. Over the past year SCRRA has had issues with old cabinets of this type and notified Commission staff that the pre-existing wayside power cabinet must be replaced to ensure reliable operations for the newly expanded layover facility. SCRRA was in the process of procuring similar units at a lower price than the Commission or Reyes could obtain; therefore,

it was determined that the most cost-effective solution would be for SCRRRA to procure and install the new cabinet. This would also preclude any delay claims from Reyes. The cost of the cabinet and installation services is estimated to be \$99,999. Staff recommends approval of the amendment for \$99,999 plus an additional \$10,000 contingency for any unanticipated issues. The additional costs will be funded by the same Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant that paid for the original contract amount.

The following is a summary of the Commission's actions to date, including this amendment:

Commission Authorization			
	Amount	Contingency	Total
Original	\$ 156,200	\$ 15,800	\$ 172,000
<i>Amendment No. 1 (proposed)</i>	<i>99,999</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>109,999</i>
Total	\$ 256,199	\$ 25,800	\$ 281,999

Staff recommends authorization for the Chair or Executive Director, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission and for the Executive Director or designee to approve the use of a contingency, as may be required for these services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Financial Information					
In Fiscal Year Budget:	Yes	Year:	FY 2020/21	Amount:	\$109,999
Source of Funds:	FTA grant			Budget Adjustment:	No
GL/Project Accounting No.:	653822 81304 00000 0000 265 33 81301				
Fiscal Procedures Approved:	<i>Theresa Ibarra</i>			Date:	04/14/2021

Attachment: Draft Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 19-33-004-00 with SCRRRA

AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 19-33-004-00
BETWEEN
RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIVERSIDE LAYOVER FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This "Amendment No. 1" to the February 12, 2019 Cooperative Agreement No. 19-33-004-00 (herein referred to as the "AGREEMENT") for the Construction of the Riverside Layover Facility Improvement Project (herein referred to as the "PROJECT") is made and entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 2021, by and between the **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY**, a joint powers authority existing under the laws of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "SCRRA"), to be addressed at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90017 and the **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**, a public agency, 4080 Lemon St, Riverside, California 92501 (hereinafter referred to as "COMMISSION" or "RCTC"). CITY and SCRRA may be referred to singly as "PARTY" and collectively as "PARTIES."

RECITALS:

COMMISSION and SCRRA executed the AGREEMENT on February 12, 2019 which established roles, responsibilities, funding and processes during construction of PROJECT located at the north end of the existing Riverside-Downtown Station on right-of-way (ROW) owned by RCTC. The existing North Layover Facility is located between railroad mileposts (MP) 9.75 and 9.92 on Riverside Layover at Riverside Station.

Through further site investigations and project development, it has been determined that the pre-existing Wayside Power Cabinet must be replaced to ensure reliable operations for the newly expanded Layover Facility.

COMMISSION and SCRRA desire to amend the AGREEMENT to increase the funding for SERVICES work to be performed by SCRRA and to update the estimated cost for said services by Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$99,999).

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. Article 5, Item S. is hereby added to read as follows:
S. To procure and install one (1) new wayside power cabinet, including modifications to existing main switchboard as required.

2. Article 6 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, COMMISSION and SCRRA mutually agree that COMMISSION's maximum cumulative payment obligation to SCRRA for the SERVICES (including SCRRA'S direct and indirect costs) shall be Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$269,399), unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties pursuant to a written amendment to this Agreement.

3. Article 9, Item N, Party's Address and Addressee are hereby amended to read as follows:

To COMMISSION	To SCRRA
Marlin Feenstra Capital Project Manager	Justin Fornelli, P.E. Chief, Program Delivery
Riverside County Transportation Commission	Southern California Regional Rail Authority
4080 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501	2558 Supply Street, Building A Pomona, CA 91767
Tel: (951) 787-7963	Tel: (909) 593-4291
Email: mfeenstra@rctc.org	Email: fornellij@scrra.net

4. Article 9, Item A. is hereby amended to read as follows:

Term of Agreement: This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect through January 1, 2023, unless terminated earlier by mutual written consent by both Parties.
In the event ICAP charges have not been billed due to an unapproved rate and paid by COMMISSION, this agreement shall be extended for one year.

'5. Exhibit "B" shall be replaced in its entirety with the included Exhibit "B" (Revision 1).

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this AMENDMENT No. 1 to Agreement No. 19-33-004-00 to be executed and attested by their duly qualified and authorized officials.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL
RAIL AUTHORITY**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

By: _____
Stephanie N. Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer

By: _____
Anne Mayer
Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Best Best & Krieger LLP

By: _____
Don O. Del Rio
General Counsel

By: _____
Steve DeBaun
General Counsel

Date: _____

Date: _____

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 19-33-004-00
AMENDMENT NO. 1

EXHIBIT "B" (REVISION 1)
BUDGETED SCHEDULE AND COST

Date		25-Mar-21							
Cooperative Agreement		19-33-004-00							
SCRRA Project No.		419003							
Project Name		Riverside Layover Facility-Construction							
Schedule		11 Months Construction							
NO.	ITEM	QUANTITY					UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
		No. of Months	Meeting per Month	Hours	No. of Persons	Total Hours			
A Project Management									
1	Meetings /Admin	11	2	4	1	88	HR	\$250.00	\$22,000.00
2	General Coordination / PM Work	11	1	6	1	66	HR	\$250.00	\$16,500.00
	Inter-Departmental Meetings	11	0.25	2	4	22	HR	\$250.00	\$5,500.00
	Document Reviews (Work Windows, SSWP,				2	16	HR	\$250.00	\$4,000.00
3	Construction Staging)								
4	Material Procurement (SCRRA Staff)					16	HR	\$250.00	\$4,000.00
	Sub-Total					192			\$52,000.00
B Track Support Services									
1	Track Inspection (track in/out service)					1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Sub-Total								\$5,000.00
C Communication & Signal Support Services									
1	C&S Maintenance Contractor Support					1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Sub-Total								\$5,000.00
D SCRRA Provided Material									
1	133 RE Relay Rail (does not include transport)					5,000	LF	\$10.00	\$50,000.00
	Sub-Total								\$50,000.00
E Permit Processing									
1	Safety Training by SCRRA Consultant					4	EA	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
2	SCRRA Cable Markings (includes refresh)					6	EA	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
3	Flagging Services					20	Days	\$1,750.00	\$35,000.00
	Sub-Total								\$42,000.00
Sub-Total (Items A-F)									\$154,000.00
Contingency (10%)									\$15,400.00
F Power Cabinet									
1	Wayside Power Cabinet & Hookup to MSB					1	LS	\$99,999.00	\$99,999.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST								\$269,399.00
Notes:									
1	The cost of the SCRRA services shown is an estimate only and RCTC will reimburse SCRRA on the basis of actual costs and expenses.								
2	RCTC shall reimburse SCRRA the actual costs and expenses incurred by SCRRA and its contractors and consultants for all services and work performed in connection with this project, including an allocated overhead representing SCRRA's costs for administration and management.								

AGENDA ITEM 10

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	April 26, 2021
TO:	Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee
FROM:	Sheldon Peterson, Rail Manager
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Resolution

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-005, *“Resolution of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Regarding Authorization for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the Expanded Perris Valley Line Operations Project Fiscal Year 2022 Funds in the Amount of \$864,540”*; and
- 2) Forward to the Commission for final action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission’s Commuter Rail Program applies for various federal and state funds that are necessary to fund rail projects within Riverside County. There is also the need for grants to meet the Commission’s annual funding responsibility related to rail operations and capital projects. The Commuter Rail Program is currently seeking approval to obtain Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant funding which is available through the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$864,540. This project would be for the Expanded Perris Valley Line (PVL) Operations FY 2021/22 that will continue to fund the previously added weekend service. This is an eligible project since it reduces GHG emissions and supports Metrolink’s effort to increase mode share.

As required by the LCTOP grant guidelines, Resolution No. 21-005 is needed to authorize use of the funds on PVL operations and authorize the Executive Director to execute the certifications and assurances and authorized agent forms. The resolution is required to submit and file the grant; therefore, staff recommends approval of the resolution related to the FY 2021/22 LCTOP grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding received from this grant is included in the FY 2021/22 budget and will be reflected in Commission’s FY 2021/22 Short Range Transit Plan.

Financial Information					
In Fiscal Year Budget:	Yes	Year:	FY 2021/22	Amount:	\$864,540
Source of Funds:	LCTOP			Budget Adjustment:	No
GL/Project Accounting No.:	034198 415 41511 0000 103 25 41501				
Fiscal Procedures Approved:	<i>Theresa Trevino</i>			Date:	04/13/2021

Attachment: Resolution No. 21-005

RESOLUTION No. 21-005

RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FOR THE
EXPANDED PERRIS VALLEY LINE OPERATIONS PROJECT FISCAL YEAR 2022
FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$864,540

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Anne Mayer, Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Transportation Commission wishes to implement the LCTOP project listed above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Riverside County Transportation Commission that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anne Mayer, Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Riverside County Transportation Commission that it hereby authorizes the submittal of

the following project nomination and allocation request to the Department in FY 2020-21 LCTOP funds:

List project(s), including the following information:

Project Name: Expanded Perris Valley Line Operations FY 2022

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$864,540

Short description of project:

Funding will be used for operating costs associated to expand the commuter rail Perris Valley Line.

Contributing Sponsor: Not applicable

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of May 2021.

Jan Harnik

Riverside County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:

Lisa Mobley, Clerk of the Board

Riverside County Transportation Commission

AGENDA ITEM 11

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	April 26, 2021
TO:	Western Riverside County Programs and Projects Committee
FROM:	Monica M. Morales, Senior Management Analyst
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	Measure A Specialized Transit Award Recommendations for Fiscal Years 2021/22 – 2023/24

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Committee to:

- 1) Approve the staff recommendations for the Measure A Western Riverside County Specialized Transit Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/22 - 2023/24 Call for Projects totaling \$8,951,257;
- 2) Approve an allocation of \$150,000 for a specialized transit pilot program for the city of Menifee (City);
- 3) Direct staff to prepare agreements with the award recipients to outline the scope, project schedules, and local funding commitments;
- 4) Authorize the Chair or Executive Director to execute the agreements with the award recipients, pursuant to legal counsel review; and
- 5) Forward to the Commission for final action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2009 Measure A Expenditure Plan allocates approximately 11.6 percent of the annual revenues from the 2009 Measure A Western County program to public transit. The public transit allocation is then distributed among five programs, namely: specialized transit services, specialized transit-consolidated transportation service agency operations, commuter rail, intercity bus, and commuter services. The Measure A Specialized Transit Program receives about 1.9 percent of the 2009 Measure A Western County program revenues, or a 16.4 percent share of the 11.6 percent for public transit. The program provides funding to benefit older adults, persons with disabilities, and/or those that are most vulnerable and truly needy in Western County. In Western County, this funding has been distributed through a competitive process to a wide array of non-profit and community organizations that serve these constituencies for specialized transit services for persons with disabilities and older adults.

The goals of the Measure A Specialized Transit Program for western Riverside County are to:

- Support directly operated services that expand or extend existing services, which, if not funded by Measure A funds, would leave an area and/or special population without alternate service options;
- Support existing services that offer an improved level of service coordination with the existing transportation network;
- Expand new services that leverage other revenue sources, can be administered in a cost-effective manner, and will not require long-term support from Measure A funding; and
- Support new and expansion of existing services including transportation for veterans and shuttles including, but not limited to, nutrition and medical services.

Projects that are eligible under the program include operating and capital projects such as senior transportation shuttles, non-emergency medical transportation services, bus pass/voucher programs, mileage reimbursement programs, travel training, vehicle and maintenance equipment, communications and dispatch equipment, and mobility management.

Providing funding to non-profit providers of transit services for persons with disabilities, low income, and senior citizens has long been a priority of the Commission. The voter-approved 1989 and 2009 Measure A Expenditure Plans specify funding allocations for the provision of this type of service provided by transit operators and non-profit agencies.

DISCUSSION:

The fifth program cycle is set to expire on June 30, 2021. At its January 2021 meeting, the Commission directed staff to release the program guidelines and application for the FYs 2021/22 – 2023/24 Measure A Western Riverside County Specialized Transit Call for Projects and approved the funding allocation. The Call for Projects was released to the public on January 13, 2021 and applications were due February 17, 2021. The following table is a summary of the total available funds covering FYs 2021/22 through 2023/24.

FISCAL YEARS 2021/22-2023/24		
Funding Source	Fiscal Year	Total
2009 Measure A	2022	\$2,891,000
2009 Measure A	2023	\$2,920,000
2009 Measure A	2024	\$2,949,000
	TOTAL	\$8,760,000

A total of 19 operations and capital project proposals were received from 16 agencies, totaling \$9,717,000 in requests. To evaluate and score the projects, one staff member from the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, Riverside Transit Agency, and SunLine Transit Agency participated on the evaluation panel. Additionally, three Commission staff members

evaluated applications, for a total of six evaluators. The scoring criteria outlined in the approved program guidelines were used by the evaluation committee.

After final scores and analysis, staff determined that some applications exceeded the maximum amount allowable per project and/or included non-eligible expenses. Upon final negotiations with applicants, it was determined that the 3-year program would be oversubscribed by \$191,257; however, staff determined that the funding for this Call for Projects could be increased by \$191,257 due to available fund balance. Staff recommends the approval of the awards summarized in Attachment 1 for a total allocation of \$8,951,257 for this Call for Projects.

In addition, staff recommends an award of \$150,000 to the City for a specialized transit pilot project. The City submitted an application in the Call for Projects for a Dial-A-Ride Voucher Program; however, it was determined that the request was not consistent with the Specialized Transit goals since it would create new Dial-A-Ride trips rather than mitigating growth on the more costly service. The City hoped, that through this voucher program, it would be able to gather information to develop a more robust specialized transit service for its residents in the future. Commission staff recognizes that the City has a need to address the specialized transportation population given the large senior community in Sun City. In discussion with City staff, the City opted to rescind its application and it was recommended that a more detailed analysis be completed prior to the deployment of a new program or service. Staff recommends that a capacity building pilot project commencing with a market study be completed in collaboration with the City to do the following:

- Conduct a tailored city-level market analysis of its seniors/disabled/low-income population, including surveys, community meetings, and outreach with local social service agencies;
- Provide education and outreach on the existing resources such as the Transportation Reimbursement and Information Project (TRIP), a volunteer driver mileage reimbursement program and others that already exist;
- Conduct a mini symposium and bring in other small non-profit providers in the Measure A network to share best practices, experiences, and project development ideas;
- Conduct other market research in which a subsidy program with a transportation network company such as Uber or Lyft might be an option; and
- Provide practical recommendations that the City may take to deploy a pilot program.

Funding for this study will be led by the Commission and will be included in the FY 2021/22 budget. Staff recommends that the Commission approve \$150,000 of Measure A Specialized Transit funds for a pilot project pending the recommendations of the study. The pilot project is consistent with the program goals and strategies to build capacity for expanded transportation options and can also be used as a model for other cities and communities in the county who require similar services.

There is no financial impact on the FY 2020/21 budget. Measure A Specialized Transit funds for the recommended awards are included in the proposed FY 2021/22 budget and will be budgeted for in FYs 2022/23 and 2023/24 through the regular budget process.

Financial Information					
In Fiscal Year Budget:	Yes N/A	Year:	FY 2021/22 FY 2022/23+	Amount:	\$3,500,000 \$5,601,257
Source of Funds:	2009 Measure A Western County Specialized Transit			Budget Adjustment:	No N/A
GL/Project Accounting No.:	260 26 86101 \$8,733,887 Specialized Transit Operating 260 26 86102 \$367,370 Specialized Transit Capital				
Fiscal Procedures Approved:	<i>Theresa Trevino</i>			Date:	04/14/2021

Attachment: FY 2021/22 – 2023/24 Measure A Specialized Transit Call for Projects Award Recommendations



FY2022-2024 PROJECT REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION FUNDING SUMMARY

Applicant	Project Type	Project Name	Mean Score	Total 3 Year Project Cost	Total 3 Year Measure A Award	Required Match
1 Care A Van	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Care A Van Transit	85	\$ 1,510,430	\$ 996,884	\$ 513,546
2 Independent Living Partnership	Mileage Reimbursement	TRIP Western Riverside	84	\$ 3,631,716	\$ 1,519,752	\$ 2,111,964
3 Friends of Moreno Valley	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Mo-Van	84	\$ 528,085	\$ 297,585	\$ 230,500
4 Boys & Girls Club Southwest County	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Before & After School ST program	82	\$ 908,050	\$ 599,313	\$ 308,737
5 Exceed	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Hemet Transportation	80	\$ 664,860	\$ 244,860	\$ 420,000
6 Boys & Girls Menifee Valley	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Ride to Success	80	\$ 599,307	\$ 395,543	\$ 203,764
7 US Vets	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Initiative Transportation Riverside	79	\$ 230,644	\$ 152,225	\$ 78,419
8 RUHS - Medical Center	Directly Operated Transportation Service	MC Transportation Program	77	\$ 2,764,838	\$ 1,576,860	\$ 1,187,978
9 Voices for Children	Mileage Reimbursement	Mileage Reimbursement Program	77	\$ 588,151	\$ 388,180	\$ 199,971
10 Forest Folk	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Idyllwild Area Shuttle Service	76	\$ 254,848	\$ 167,848	\$ 87,000
11 City of Norco	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Seniors on the Move Transp Program	76	\$ 382,818	\$ 252,661	\$ 130,157
12 Operation SafeHouse	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Main St. Transitional Living & Permanent Supportive Housing Program	74	\$ 171,710	\$ 113,329	\$ 58,381
13 Care Connexus	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Specialized Transportation	74	\$ 1,210,806	\$ 799,132	\$ 411,674
14 Care Connexus Capital	Capital Vehicle Purchase (3 Buses)	Specialized Transportation	72	\$ 225,000	\$ 112,500	\$ 112,500
15 RUHS - Behavioral Health Capital	Capital Vehicle Purchase (2 Vans, 2 Sedans)	Transportation Change	70	\$ 144,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000
16 RUHS - Medical Center Capital	Capital Vehicle Lease (3 Vans)	Transportation Program	69	\$ 365,740	\$ 182,870	\$ 182,870
17 RUHS - Behavioral Health	Directly Operated Transportation Service	Transportation Change	68	\$ 1,589,245	\$ 1,048,901	\$ 540,343
18 Michelle's Place	Travel Training/ Assistance	Treatment Travel Assistance Program	55	\$ 46,690	\$ 30,815	\$ 15,875
				\$ 15,816,937	\$ 8,951,257	\$ 6,865,680
				367,370 Capital		
				8,583,887 Operating		

AGENDA ITEM 12

ORAL REPORT