



Resource Management Agency

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AGENDA DATE: October 22, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Authorization to Bid the 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the Construction of the 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2 ("Project").
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the Plans.
3. Approve the advertisement for bids of the 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2.
4. Find that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines as repair and maintenance of public streets or highways pursuant to Class 1, 14 CCR 15301(c), and is included in the County's list of activities specifically exempted from CEQA review pursuant to 14 CCR 15300.4.
5. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the Clerk-Recorder and the State Office of Planning and Research.

SUMMARY:

California passed Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA), in 2017. This bill established a funding source for road repairs and maintenance through revenue from gas taxes, vehicle registration fees, and other transportation related fees. A significant portion of these funds are distributed to local agencies in the form of Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds (a.k.a. SB 1 funds). To receive these funds, a local agency must demonstrate transparency on the utilization of the funds

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by including a project list in an adopted budget; this project list must identify the projects with a project description, location, schedule, and estimated useful life.

On May 23, 2023, the Board identified and approved the project description, locations, schedule, and estimated useful life per RMRA guidelines for the following three (3) projects in the County's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget: (1) 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 1, (2) 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2, and (3) 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 3 (Resolution No. 2023-0449). These three projects include work in 17 project locations and include over 31 miles of roadway to be repaired.

Construction for the 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2 is anticipated to begin spring 2025. The 2024 RRAA Project 1 construction began in October of 2024 and is anticipated to be completed by the end of December 2024. The 2024 RRAA Project 3 has been completed by County forces.

2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2

The 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2 ("Project") is a road maintenance project consisting of the repair of asphalt materials on multiple segments of existing County roads in the southern region of Tulare County. The Project is intended to enhance the safety and security of the public by providing well maintained public roadways. The work to be done consists, in general, of a combination of isolated pavement repairs followed by the installation of new (replacement) asphalt surfacing. All Project locations will include corrective work to be performed on the shoulders of the roadways. Furthermore, all newly resurfaced roadways will receive new traffic stripes and pavement markings. The Project does not include any new travel lanes or any expansion to the existing roadways.

The 2024 RRAA Project 2 is comprised of six (6) locations accounting for over 20 miles of roadway rehabilitation.

Provided below is a summary of the project locations:

- Location 1 – Road 168 between Avenue 144 (State Route 190) and Avenue 160
- Location 2 – Avenue 288 between Road 168 (Farmersville City Limits) and Road 204
- Location 3 – Avenue 152 between Road 168 and Road 192
- Location 4 – Avenue 96 between Road 96 and Road 122 (Cedar Street)
- Location 5 – Avenue 170 between Road 224 (Westwood Street) and Porterville City Limits
- Location 6 – Road 208 between Avenue 8 and Avenue 56

The County, in the spirit of collaboration and public benefit, and with the goal of improving transportation infrastructure in our communities, will be collaborating with the Pixley Public Utility District on this Project.

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The Pixley Public Utility District (PUD) requested that the County include the adjustment work for their utilities along Avenue 96 (Location 4) as part of this project. The Loan Agreement with Pixley PUD will be presented to the Board concurrently as a separate item.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County has determined that the Project qualifies for a Class 1 CEQA exemption pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) as it consists of repairs or maintenance of an existing street or highway. This Project is also included in the County's list of activities specifically exempted from CEQA review pursuant to 14 CCR 15300.4.

The Plans and Specifications for the Project are complete and ready to be approved by the Board.

Construction for the 2024 RRAA Project 2 is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No net County cost to the General Funds.

This project (RMA No. 18302097-005) was approved by the Board as part of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 County Transportation Improvements Program (CTIP). The 2024 RRAA Project 2 will be funded entirely through County Road funds. Revenue sources for the County Road fund include State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), Local Measure R, and other State and Federal Road funding sources.

RMRA funds in the amount of approximately \$17.7 million were received in Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Estimated Project Costs:

Engineering Design:	\$90,000
Construction:	\$10,250,031
Contingency:	\$525,002
Construction Engineering:	\$150,000
Total:	\$11,015,033

The Loan Agreement with the respective agency will establish that the Pixley Public Utility District will reimburse the County for the Construction costs related to the portion of the adjustment work for their utilities along Avenue 96 (Location 4) within their respective jurisdiction. The estimated cost of construction of the Pixley Public Utility District's utilities adjustment work is not to exceed \$16,000.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety and Security – The County's Strategic Business Plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public. This project will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation

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infrastructure for both the general population in the region and the motorists using these facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment A – Vicinity Map
Attachment B – Notice of Exemption
Attachment C – Bid Documents