



Resource Management Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: July 30, 2024

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| 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 | Yes |

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SUBJECT: Approve the Agreement for Reimbursement with the City of Visalia for the Avenue 280 Widening Project – Segment 2

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Agreement for Reimbursement with the City of Visalia for the Avenue 280 Widening Project – Segment 2 effective July 30, 2024.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Agreement.

SUMMARY:

The County of Tulare (County) is the lead agency for the Avenue 280 Widening Project – Segment 2 (Project). To accommodate projected increases in traffic, and to bring Avenue 280 to current standards, the County proposes to reconstruct Avenue 280 between Road 140 (Lovers Lane) and Road 160 (Virginia Avenue). The Project is the second phase of the widening of Avenue 280 within the County's jurisdiction.

This Project consists of the widening of approximately 2.5-miles of the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with a striped center median and/or turn lanes with intersection improvements between Road 140 (Lovers Lane) (City of Visalia limits) and Road 160 (Virginia Avenue) (City of Farmersville limits). The work will also include drainage facilities, bridge and culvert improvements, utility relocations, and other associated improvements. All newly constructed roadways will receive new traffic stripes and pavements markings. The Avenue 280 Widening Project – Segment 2 requires coordination with the City of Visalia and the City of Farmersville for the transition to the four-lane divided roadway at Road 140 (Lovers Lane) and Road 160 (Virginia Avenue).

Since a portion of the Project is within the County's and the City of Visalia's geographic

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boundaries, a joint effort between the County and the City of Visalia (City) will be required to successfully design, construct, and fund the Project. The Resource Management Agency proposes that the County enter into an Agreement for Reimbursement with the City to formalize the collaboration and to identify the roles and responsibilities of the County and the City related to environmental documentation/permits, design, right-of-way support/engineering, utility relocation, funding, and construction/construction engineering for the Project.

As detailed in the agreement, as lead agency on the Project, the County is responsible for the Project design and construction. The agreement also stipulates that the City will reimburse the County for the costs associated with the installation of any master planned City utilities. The City has requested that the installation of a 12-inch sewer main from Lover’s Lane to the future Road 144 alignment be included as a part of the Project (approximately 2,600 lineal feet). The total cost for the design and construction cost of the sewer main line is estimated at \$532,392.50.

Construction for this project is anticipated to begin in spring of 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No net County cost to the General Fund.

The Right of Way Capital phase for Avenue 280 Widening Project – Segment 2 (RMA No. 19800030-002/005) was approved as part of the 2023/2024 County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP). The Environmental, Engineering Design, Right of Way Support, and Right of Way Capital phases of the Project are funded by Measure R Regional funds. Up to \$10,700,000 will be reimbursed through the Measure R Program Supplement Agreement between Tulare County and TCAG (Tulare County Agreement No. 30044-B). The Construction phase will be reimbursed through a future Measure R Program Supplement.

A summary of the total Project costs is as follows:

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| Environmental: | \$100,000 |
| Preliminary Engineering: | \$1,400,000 |
| Right of Way Support | \$1,200,000 |
| Right of Way Capital (including Utility Relocation): | \$8,000,000 |
| Construction / Construction Engineering: | <u>\$23,500,000</u> |
| Total: | \$34,200,000 |

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment A – Vicinity Map

Attachment B – Agreement for Reimbursement