



Resource Management Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: June 29, 2021

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 Program Supplement Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Overhead Flashing Beacons Safety Project

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Program Supplement Agreement with the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$57,728 for the Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way phases of the Overhead Flashing Beacons Safety Project; and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Program Supplement Agreement on behalf of the County of Tulare; and
3. Adopt the Categorical Exemption prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines General Rule Exemption per Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies and Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c), respectively, for the Overhead Flashing Beacons Safety Project.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County (County) is the lead agency for the design and construction of the Overhead Flashing Beacons Safety Project (Project) consisting of improvements at two (2) intersections: (1) Avenue 240 and Road 140; and (2) Avenue 256 and Road 164. The Project is funded through Cycle 9 of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP is a federal funding source for transportation improvement projects administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the

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Twenty First Century (MAP-21) Act.

The purpose of the Project is to improve the safety of the intersections by increasing the visibility for these rural all-way stop-controlled intersections. The scope of work includes shoulder excavation, overhead beacon installation, and signing/stripping.

The County received Federal Authorization to proceed with the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase of the Project on May 17, 2019. To date, the County has received federal authorization for project reimbursement up to \$41,888. On April 12, 2021, Tulare County received federal authorization to proceed with the Right-of-Way phase of the Project. The revised Caltrans Program Supplement Agreement authorizes \$57,728 of HSIP funds for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Right-of-Way phases of the Project.

Once the agreement is executed by the County and Caltrans, the County can begin requesting reimbursement from Caltrans for the project's Right-of-Way phase costs.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County has also determined that two categorical exemptions are applicable to the proposed action: State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs.) Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies and Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c).

Construction is anticipated to begin in summer of 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County cost to the General Fund.

This project was programmed in the 2019/2020 County Transportation Improvement Program (19/20 CTIP). This project is being funded using HSIP and County Road Funds.

Funding for the project is as follows:

	HSIP	Local Match	Total
Preliminary Engineering:	\$41,888	\$5,712	\$47,600
Right of Way:	\$15,840	\$2,160	\$18,000
Construction Engineering & Construction:	\$193,072	\$26,328	\$219,400
Total:	\$250,800	\$34,200	\$285,000

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and motorists using these facilities.

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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 – Program Supplement Agreement
Attachment C – Notice of Exemption