



**RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 18, 2017

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**SUBJECT:** Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement for the Avenue 280 Widening Project

- REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement for the Avenue 280 Widening Project authorizing \$14,836,000 in Regional Program Funds to fund the Construction and Construction Engineering Phase of the Avenue 280 Widening Project, allow all expenditures after January 31, 2017 for the Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way Phases to be covered under this Program Supplement, and allow all funds to be interchangeable between phases of the project; and
  2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Measure R Program Supplement on behalf of Tulare County.

**SUMMARY:**  
**Background**  
The Avenue 280 Widening – Segment 1 (State Route 99 to Akers Street) will widen approximately 2-mile stretch of the existing two lane roadway to a four lane divided roadway, from State Route 99 to Road 100, near the westerly limits of the City of Visalia. The 2-mile segment from State Route 99 to Akers Street is the first phase of the overall project to widen approximately 11-miles of the Avenue 280 corridor, with the cities of Visalia, Farmersville and Exeter to the east, acting as the lead agencies for the other phases within their respective cities.

Avenue 280 is a principal east-west major arterial that links State Route 99 and the

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cities of Visalia, Farmersville, and Exeter, as well as the unincorporated areas of Tulare County. The need for the Project arises from year 2035 traffic forecasts that predict increased use of the Avenue 280 corridor and resultant congestion. In addition, future traffic forecasts included in the 2011 Supplemental Traffic Analysis indicate that the average daily traffic volumes within the proposed project corridor will experience a net increase from 21% to 95%.

The purpose of the Avenue 280 Widening Project (the Project) is to improve traffic operations and reduce congestion along the Avenue 280 corridor and improve the regional transportation and circulation system in the adjacent portion of Tulare County and the cities of Visalia, Farmersville and Exeter.

On May 22, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved (Resolution Number 2012-0364) a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Project. On August 1, 2012, the California Department of Transportation approved the Environmental Assessment with finding of no significant impact pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Project is consistent with the adopted CEQA and NEPA documents.

In addition to the widening, the Project will include a Class 2 bicycle lane along the corridor, Class 1 Pedestrian and Bicycle facility to the southwest of Shirk Road, storm drainage system from State Route 99 to Aspen Street, decorated raised median, and street lighting.

The Plans and Specifications for the Avenue 280 Widening Project are complete. County staff is concurrently seeking your Board's authorization to bid the Project under a separate request. Construction is anticipated to begin in July of 2017.

#### **Measure R Funding and the Program Supplement**

On December 2, 2014, your Board approved the Program Supplement through Resolution No. 2014-0871 (Tulare County Agreement No. 26914) authorizing \$600,000 in funding for the Preliminary Engineering Phase of the Avenue 280 Widening Project. On April 28, 2015, your Board also authorized \$2.6 million for the Right of Way Phase under resolution No. 2015-0292 (Tulare County Agreement No. 27083).

In order to receive reimbursement for the Construction and Construction Engineering Phase of the Project, Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff, in collaboration with Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), has prepared an agreement in the form of a Program Supplement. Approval of this Program Supplement will authorize \$14,836,000 in Regional Program Funds to fund the Construction and Construction Engineering Phase of the Project in addition to any remaining Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way necessary for the Project. Further, approval of this Program Supplement will allow all expenditures after January 31, 2017 for the Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way phases to be covered under this Program Supplement and allow all funds to be interchangeable

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between phases of the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The Project Cost Estimate and funding sources for the Avenue 280 Widening Project is as follow:

<u>Project Phase</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Preliminary Engineering:	\$828,500
Right of Way:	\$2,144,000
Construction(Including Contingency):	\$12,518,500
Construction Engineering:	\$591,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,082,000</b>

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Measure R Regional Program Funds:	\$14,836,000
Road Funds:	\$1,246,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,082,000</b>

As part of a separate request, County staff is concurrently seeking your Board's approval of the Measure R Program Supplement to amend Tulare County Agreement No. 24962 and transfer the project savings (\$1,436,000) from the Avenue 416 Widening Project to the Avenue 280 Widening Project with this Agenda Item. Together, the \$13,400,000 previously allocated by Tulare County Association of Governments Measure R Strategic Work Plan for the Avenue 280 Widening Project and the amount of project savings (\$1,436,000) from the Avenue 416 Widening Project is not to exceed Measure R allocation of \$14,836,000. Project costs exceeding the Measure R allocation of \$14,836,000 will be covered by County Road Funds.

The total estimated construction cost for the Avenue 280 Widening Project is \$12,518,500; this includes approximately \$11,916,000 for construction and \$602,500 in contingency. Staff estimate that an additional \$1.25 million of Road Funds will be required to fund the Project.

In order to minimize financial impacts to Road Funds, County staff will implement effective construction management strategies for the Construction/Construction Engineering Phase of the Project. These strategies aim to keep costs low by eliminating the number of change orders that happen during the construction process, thus, reducing the amount of contingency required for the Project. In addition, County staff will work closely with TCAG staff to transfer any additional unused funds from the Avenue 416 Widening Project, should funds become available, to the Avenue 280 Widening Project. Further, the Project bid includes a

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Bid Alternate option which adds financial flexibility to the Project should bids come in higher than anticipated during the bidding process.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

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 this facility.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Interim Director

RS:hb

cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Attachment A – Measure R Program Supplement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE MEASURE R )  
PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT TO ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AVENUE 280 WIDENING PROJECT )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2017, BY  
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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