



**Resource Management
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: March 19, 2019

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"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 559-624-7010				

SUBJECT: Measure R Program Supplement Agreement with the Tulare County Association of Governments for the Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement between the County of Tulare and the Tulare County Association of Governments to partially fund the preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way engineering / acquisition phases for the Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project, not to exceed \$125,000; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Measure R Program Supplement on behalf of Tulare County.

SUMMARY:
On May 22, 2007, Tulare County entered into an agreement (Tulare County Agreement No. 23149) with the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) to utilize revenue collected under Measure R for local and regional transportation projects. The application of these funds to a particular project requires an agreement between the County and TCAG in the form of a Program Supplement.

The purpose of this Program Supplement is to partially fund the preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way engineering / acquisition for the Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project (the Project).

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The Project consists of the signalization of the Avenue 256 and Road 204 intersection to improve traffic operations at the subject intersection. This project also consists of rehabilitating Road 204 corridor starting at the Avenue 256 and Road 204 intersection and ending at Avenue 264 (north of the BNSF Railway tracks). The need for the rehabilitation of Road 204 is a result of the poor road surface conditions due to aging, weathering and/or action of the road.

Project Background

The intersection of Avenue 256 and Road 204 is located east of the City of Exeter, see Attachment A. Road 204 is a heavily traveled corridor and serves as an alternate route to State Route 65 which runs parallel approximately one mile to the west. Much of the traffic is business related commuters traveling between the City of Visalia and the City of Porterville. Avenue 256 is moderately traveled and connects to State Route 65 to the west.

Prior to 2008, the Avenue 256 and Road 204 intersection was a two-way stop with east-west traffic on Avenue 256 yielding to north-south bound traffic on Road 204. Upon receiving numerous complaints from the public about traffic delays, traffic and vehicle crash data were collected and warrants established by the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) for multiway stop intersections were evaluated. Based on County staff's analysis of traffic and vehicular crash data and evaluation of warrants established by the CA MUTCD, signalization of the Avenue 256 and Road 204 intersection was warranted.

Although the Avenue 256 and Road 204 intersection warranted the installation of a traffic control signal at the time, County staff did not have plans to signalize the subject intersection for several reasons, such as the limited right-of-way at the intersection and intersection approaches. A significant amount of right-of-way acquisition is necessary in order to signalize the intersection, which made the project infeasible at the time due to the lack of funding. Further, Caltrans had proposed plans at the time to realign the existing State Highway 65 to a location that would substantially decrease traffic on Road 204; Caltrans is no longer pursuing the proposed realignment project of State Highway 65. For these reasons, the County elected to install an All-Way Stop Controlled intersection in lieu of signalization as an intermittent solution until such time funding become available.

TCAG's Annual Intersection Monitoring Program

Since 1997, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) has monitored select intersections each year throughout Tulare County as part of its annual Intersection Monitoring Program. Each member agency was requested to provide TCAG with a prioritized list of intersections within their jurisdiction for possible monitoring. The intent of the monitoring program is to assist local agencies in identifying signalized and stop controlled intersections that operate at unacceptable Levels of Service (LOS) and the program recommends possible mitigation measures such as installing traffic signals, adding lanes, optimizing signal timing/phasing, etc.

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to improve traffic operations. A LOS is a qualitative measure of traffic operation conditions whereby letter grades A through F is assigned to an intersection representing traffic conditions with letter grade A being the best and letter grade F being the worst.

In TCAG's 2018 Intersection Monitoring Report (final report approved in January 2019), the Avenue 256 and Road 204 All-Way Stop Controlled intersection is currently operating at a LOS "E" (second worst traffic operating condition). According to TCAG's analysis of the intersection, signalization of the intersection has the potential to greatly reduce delay times to vehicles, significantly improving the traffic operations to a LOS of "A" (best traffic operating condition).

Project Funding and Preliminary Schedule

As identified in the Fiscal Year (FY) 18/19 County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP), the County authorized \$250,000 of County Road Funds to initiate the preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way engineering / acquisition phases of the Project. Approval of this Program Supplement agreement will provide an additional \$125,000 in Measure R Regional funds to supplement the \$250,000 of County Road Funds.

With the availability of funds to proceed with the Project, County staff is anticipating to complete the preliminary engineering, environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation phases by the end of 2021. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost.

Approval of this Program Supplement agreement will allow the County to seek reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$125,000 in Measure R Regional funds to partially fund the preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way engineering / acquisition phases of the Project.

Utility relocation is required for the Project. However, it is unknown at this time if the utility poles to be relocated are within Tulare County's Franchise Agreement with Southern California Edison. Utilities covered under a Franchise Agreement are typically relocated at the utility owners expense. Should funding be necessary for the relocation of the utility poles, a separate Program Supplement agreement with TCAG for Measure R funds, or other funds will be required to fund the Utility Relocation phase of the Project.

The cost for Construction / Construction Engineering phase is estimated to be \$2,425,000. Similar to the Utility Relocation phase, a separate Program Supplement agreement with TCAG for Measure R funds, or other funds will be required to fund for the Construction / Construction Engineering phase of the Project.

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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:



Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A – Vicinity Map
Attachment B – Measure R Program Supplement Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF MEASURE R)
PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT) Resolution No. _____
WITH THE TULARE COUNTY) Agreement No. _____
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR)
THE AVENUE 256 & ROAD 204)
SIGNALIZATION AND REHABILITATION)
PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2019, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved the Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement between the County of Tulare and the Tulare County Association of Governments to partially fund the preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way engineering / acquisition phases for the Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project, not to exceed \$125,000; and
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Attachment A
Vicinity Map




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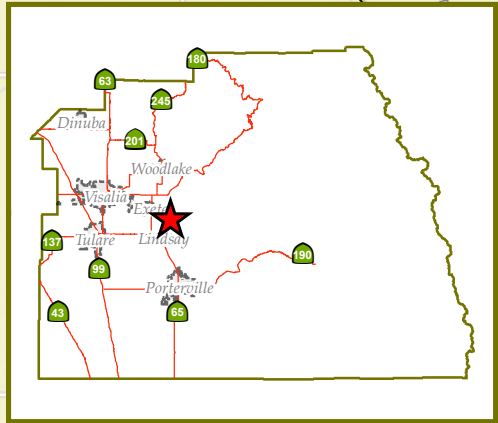


Proposed road rehabilitation of Road 204

Proposed signal location at the intersection of Avenue 256 and Road 204

Legend

-  Signalization Location
-  Railroad
-  Road Rehabilitation Limits



0 500 1,000 Feet

Attachment B
Measure R
Program Supplement Agreement

MEASURE R PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

AUTHORITY Agreement No. _____

This Program Supplement is made and entered into on _____, by and between the County of Tulare (SPONSOR) and the Tulare County Association of Governments, acting as the Local Transportation AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY).

This Program Supplement hereby incorporates the "Measure R Cooperative Agreement" for Measure R Expenditures which was entered into between the SPONSOR and AUTHORITY on May 22, 2007 and is subject to all terms and conditions thereof.

This Program Supplement is executed under authority of Resolution No. _____, dated _____.

This Program Supplement is sought in order to fund the preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way engineering / acquisition phases of the Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project. The project cost to the Authority for this Program Supplement agreement is not to exceed \$125,000.

Project scope, costs and schedule are incorporated herein as Attachment "A" and agreed upon by Sponsor and Authority for Project: Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project.

Covenants of SPONSOR

- 1.1 This Program Supplemental agrees that it will only proceed with work authorized for specific phase(s) with written "Authorization to Proceed" or AUTHORITY action and will not proceed with future phase(s) of this project(s) prior to receiving a written "Authorization to Proceed" or AUTHORITY Action.
- 1.2 The SPONSOR will advertise, award, and administer the project(s) in accordance with SPONSOR standards.
- 1.3 Award information shall be submitted by the SPONSOR to the AUTHORITY with 60 days after the project contract award.
- 1.4 Failure to submit award information in accordance with section 1.3 will cause a delay (without interest or penalties) in AUTHORITY processing invoices for the construction phase.
- 1.5 If no costs have been invoiced for a six month period, SPONSOR agrees to submit for each phase a written explanation of the absence of project(s) activity along with target billing date and target billing amount.

Tulare County Agreement No. _____

AUTHORITY Agreement No. _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

Tulare County Association of
Governments/Local Transportation Authority

ATTEST: Secretary/Clerk
Tulare County Association of
Government/Local Transportation
Authority

By: _____
Executive Director

By: _____


COUNTY OF TULARE

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
County Administrative Officer/Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:  _____ 219316 2/19/19
Deputy

Tulare County Agreement No. _____

MEASURE R PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

AUTHORITY Agreement No. _____

Attachment A

Project Name: Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project

Project Scope

The scope of work for this Program Supplement include preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way acquisition (including right-of-way engineering) for the Avenue 256 & Road 204 Signalization and Rehabilitation Project. This project is comprised of the signalization of the Avenue 256 and Road 204 intersection. Additional road improvements include the rehabilitation of Road 204 between Avenue 256 and Avenue 264 (north of the railroad tracks).

Preliminary Project Schedule

Preliminary Engineering:	March 2019 – February 2021
Environmental Clearance:	August 2019 – February 2020
Right-of-Way Support / Acquisition:	December 2019 – December 2020
Utility Relocation:	June 2020 – December 2021
Construction / Construction Engineering:	March 2022 – August 2022

Estimate Budget¹:

Preliminary Engineering:	\$	120,000
Environmental Clearance:	\$	15,000
Right-of-Way Support / Acquisition:	\$	240,000
Total	\$	375,000

Funding Source:

Local Funds:	\$	250,000
Measure R:	\$	125,000
Total	\$	375,000

¹ Budgets are approximate, and funding under this Program Supplement agreement will be interchangeable between preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and right-of-way engineering / acquisition phases of the project. Total project cost to AUTHORITY under this Program Supplement agreement shall not exceed \$125,000.

² Utility Relocation is required for the project. It shall be the responsibility of SPONSOR to determine if the utility poles to be relocated are within SPONSOR'S Franchise Agreement with Southern California Edison. Should funding be necessary for the relocation of the utility poles, a separate Program Supplement will be required to authorize funding for the Utility Relocation phase of the project.

³ The estimated cost for Construction / Construction Engineering phase is \$2,425,000 at the time of execution of this Program Supplement agreement. SPONSOR will be seeking Measure R funding for Construction / Construction Engineering phase at a later date. A separate Program Supplement agreement will be required to authorize funding for the Construction / Construction Engineering phase of the project.

Tulare County Agreement No. _____