



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: October 14, 2008

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 559-733-6291						

SUBJECT: Authorization to request bids for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Avenue 256 and Road 140

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of a traffic signal at Avenue 256 and Road 140 southeast of the City of Visalia;
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the plans;
3. Approve the advertisement of the traffic signal construction project;
4. Set the bid opening date for Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 2:00 P.M; and
5. Affirm that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

SUMMARY:

The County's Central Road Yard is located at Avenue 256 and Road 140. Road 140 is classified as a rural major collector with an average daily traffic of 11,600 vehicles per day. This intersection was evaluated for traffic signal warrants in 2007 and five warrants were met for signalization.

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Last year, Resource Management Agency's Transportation Branch was successfully awarded Federal High Risk Rural Road (HR3) Grant funds to construct a traffic control signal at this location.

While the signal plans and specifications were prepared by Omni-Means Engineers-Planners, a four-way STOP intersection was approved by your Board and four-way STOP signs were installed as an interim measure to control traffic. In addition to the traffic control signal installation, left turn lanes will be added on Avenue 256 as part of this project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Engineer's Estimate for the construction of this traffic control signal project is \$210,000. This is reimbursable at 90% through the HR3 Grant with a County match of 10%, which is included in the Road Fund. Funding for this expenditure is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 under Road Budget Account No. 014-225-2300-2150.

There is no net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Strategic Initiative 1: Safety and Security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. This action addresses that goal.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not advertise this project at this time. This is not recommended, as it would result in delaying the construction of this project that may affect our grant funding reimbursement.

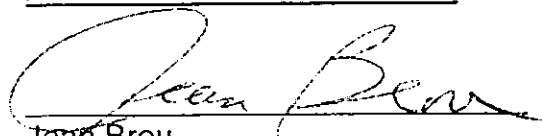
INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

Caltrans, as the state agency responsible for the allocation and oversight of state and federal funding, has been involved in this project. County Counsel has reviewed the special provisions and contract documents.

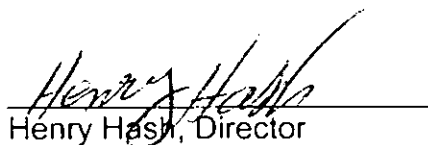
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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Jean Brou,
Assistant Director - Transportation



Henry Hash, Director

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment(s)

Vicinity Map

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION)
TO REQUEST BIDS FOR THE) RESOLUTION NO. ____
CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL)
AT AVENUE 256 AND ROAD 140)

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

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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