



**TULARE COUNTY
REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2010

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>			

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7000

SUBJECT: Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement for the Betty Drive Phase 2A and 2B Project

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Directors:

1. Approve the Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement for the Betty Drive Phase 2A project (Avenue 312/Riggin Avenue widening) for Right of Way, Plan, Specification and Estimate, and Construction in the amount of \$4,212,819;
2. Approve the Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement for the Betty Drive Phase 2B project (overpass over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks) for Right of Way, Plan, Specification and Estimate, and Construction in the amount of \$8,754,747; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Directors to sign the Program Supplements.

SUMMARY:

This Measure R Program Supplement authorizes funding for the Betty Drive Phase 2A and 2B Project in the amount of \$12,967,566. Phase 2A will widen Avenue 312/Riggin Avenue to a four-lane divided roadway generally between Road 68 in the community of Goshen to Road 80/Plaza Drive in the City of Visalia. Phase 2B will construct an overpass over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks in the community of Goshen.

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The funding for the two phases will be allocated as follows, Phase 2A will have \$1,193,300 applied to the Right of Way (ROW) and to complete the Plan, Specification and Estimate (PS&E), and \$3,019,519 will be applied to Construction. Phase 2B will have \$2,395,300 applied to the ROW and PS&E, and \$6,359,447 will be applied to Construction.

It is intended to construct the Phase 2A project first as it provides for the construction of Robinson Road which will serve as a detour around the overpass construction site. The Phase 2B project will follow close behind. Since the project is being constructed in two (2) phases, there is a need for two (2) program supplements.

The cooperative (master) agreement between the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency (TCRA) and the Tulare County Association of Governments acting as the Transportation Authority (TCTA) is a companion item on this agenda.

The Betty Drive Project is of regional significance connecting Highway 99 to the Road 80 corridor and to the northern area of the City of Visalia Industrial Park. A significant increase in the truck and automobile traffic has occurred on this route. Additionally, the Union Pacific Railroad operates between 13 and 22 freight trains per day at the existing at-grade crossing located on Elder Avenue. As noted above, Phase 2A will provide lane widening and a detour for the overall project, and Phase 2B will provide for the grade separation/overpass. The overall project will significantly improve local traffic operations, reducing vehicle delay based on rail traffic and congestion. The project will provide sufficient capacity to accommodate traffic demands through 2035, including future growth of the Visalia Industrial Park and planned industrial/commercial development along Avenue 312/Riggin Avenue. This project will also create a benefit by providing quantifiable reduction in air pollution emissions due to the reduced number of stop and go maneuvers, and idling times for automobiles, as well as improving railroad traffic efficiency.

This is a multiple funding venture between Measure R, the City of Visalia, TCRA and an application for Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) funding. There are critical components of the HRCSA funding that must be provided to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by the end of April 2010. If all approvals are received for funding, construction is anticipated to begin by December 2010.

This Measure R Program Supplement for Phase 2A and Phase 2B authorizes additional funding for the ROW, PS&E and Construction.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for this project is being provided by the following: Measure R \$12,967,566, City of Visalia \$3,500,000, HRCSA \$7,859,446 and the Goshen Redevelopment Project Area Budget No. RM3-RM3-2600 \$1,000,000. There is no net County cost

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to the General Fund.

THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety Well Being - 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 local motorists using this roadway.


ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose to not approve the Program Supplement and direct staff to search for other funding sources. This is not recommended because it would cause a delay in the project and possibly jeopardize other funding opportunities.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

California Transportation Commission to provide HRCSA funding; Tulare County Association of Governments acting as the Transportation Authority to provide Measure R funding; City of Visalia to provide local transportation improvement funding; County Counsel to review all documents and to approve as to form; and Resource Management Agency Design and Engineering Division to provide project design & engineering reviews.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:



Jake A. Raper, Jr., AICP
Director

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

Attachment(s)

Measure R Program Supplement Agreement Phase 2A
Attachment A (2A)
Measure R Program Supplement Agreement Phase 2B
Attachment A (2B)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TULARE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE
MEASURE R PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT
TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR
THE BETTY DRIVE PHASE 2A AND 2B
PROJECT**

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) RESOLUTION NO _____
) AGREEMENT NO. _____
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UPON MOTION OF DIRECTOR _____, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR _____,
_____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT
AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2010, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
SECRETARY OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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