



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Canyon Estates Drive/Canyon View Drive Intersection Realignment Project

Recommendation

adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CANYON ESTATES DRIVE/CANYON VIEW DRIVE INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT PROJECT (ER 2017-00006); and,

adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THE CANYON ESTATES DRIVE/CANYON VIEW DRIVE INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN; and,

Direct staff to advertise for bids.

Project Location

The proposed Canyon Estates Drive/Canyon View Drive Intersection Realignment Project (Project) is located at the intersection of Canyon Estates Drive and Canyon View Drive, approximately 700 feet east of Interstate 15 (I-15). (Exhibit A, Site Vicinity Map and Exhibit B, Site Map).

Project Description

The City proposes to realign and reconstruct the intersection of Canyon Estates Drive and Canyon View Drive located within the City's Lake Elsinore Hills District. The realignment will allow for a standard signalized four-way intersection that will connect realigned Canyon Estates Drive with Franklin Street and the future Camino Del Norte extension (currently proposed under a separate project). Canyon View Drive will connect to Franklin Street as a right-in/right out intersection and will be a stop-controlled intersection.

Major components of the proposed project include demolition of existing roadways and removal of demolished materials (asphalt concrete, soils, and vegetation); utility relocation (electrical power poles and water line blow-off valve); site preparation and grading; roadway, curb/gutter,

sidewalk construction; and pavement striping; and storm drainage improvements, including a reconstruction of existing drainage facilities and installation of a new triple 54 inch reinforced concrete pipe and ancillary facilities.

Environmental Determination

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (Exhibit G) was prepared to analyze the potential impacts of the proposed Canyon Estates Drive/Canyon View Drive Intersection Realignment Project. The City transmitted the IS/MND to the State Clearinghouse which commenced the public review period which started on November 1, 2017 and was completed on November 30, 2017. Notice to all interested persons and agencies inviting comments on the IS/MND was published in accordance with the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Lake Elsinore Municipal Code. Additionally, notice of the availability of the IS/MND for review was sent to all owners of property within 300 feet of the Project's boundaries.

Eight comment letters or e-mails were received by the City by November 30, 2017. Commenters were the Riverside County Transportation Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Riverside Department of Waste Resources, the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Southern California Edison and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse). A comment letter from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) was received on January 17, 2018. Copies of the comments and responses to them are included in Exhibit E.

In response to the comments from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, and Riverside County Department of Waste Management, mitigation measures were revised in response to their letter. The revisions to the mitigation measures are minor changes that do not constitute significant new information, change the conclusions of the environmental analysis, or require recirculation of the document (CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5).

Fiscal Impact

Sufficient funds were approved in the fiscal year 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgets to cover the cost of the City's CEQA Consultant (LSA) to prepare the CEQA documents for the Canyon Estates Drive/Canyon View Drive Intersection Realignment Project and related State Department of Fish and Wildlife and County Clerk posting fees. The costs for City staff time to review and process the IS/MND documentation were including in staff costs contained in the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 operating budgets.

Exhibits

- A – CEQA Resolution
- B – MSHCP Resolution
- C – Aerial Photo
- D – Site Map
- E – IS/MND, including Comment Letters, Responses to Comment, MMRP