



## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Grant Yates, City Manager

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**Date:** July 10, 2018

**Subject:** Temescal Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project

### **Recommendation**

adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TEMESCAL CANYON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (ER 2018-00001); and,

adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THE TEMESCAL CANYON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN; and,

Direct staff to advertise for bids.

### **Project Location**

The proposed project site is located in the northwest portion of the City of Lake Elsinore in Riverside County. The project site is located on Temescal Canyon Road, about 300 feet south of Interstate 15, and 0.22 mile west of Lake Street at the Temescal Wash crossing. (Exhibit C, Regional Location).

### **Project Description**

The City of Lake Elsinore (City), in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to construct a new bridge over Temescal Wash in the City of Lake Elsinore, California. There are two segments to the project as follows:

- Segment A includes the segment of roadway from 200 feet north of the proposed bridge to connect to the existing 2-lane Temescal Canyon Road. The 649-foot roadway transition from the bridge to Temescal Canyon Road would be built using local funds.
- Segment B includes the 4-lane, 375-foot long bridge and approximately 200 feet of the roadway, northwest of the bridge and 130 feet southeast of the bridge to be constructed using federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) and local funding.

The new bridge will connect to a 696-foot long realigned roadway that will extend from 200 feet south of the bridge to Lake Street approximately 180 feet south of the current intersection. The City of Lake Elsinore, as part of the Alberhill Villages Specific Plan (AVSP), approved this realigned roadway in February 2017. The proposed bridge is 98-feet wide (with a curb-to-curb width of 80 feet), 375 feet long, and a structure depth of 5 feet. The bridge shall be striped with a 14-foot painted median, two 12-foot inside lanes, two 15-foot outside lanes, two 6-foot shoulders that can accommodate a Class II bike lane, and two 6-foot sidewalks separated from vehicular traffic with a concrete barrier, which is due to a posted speed limit greater than 45 miles per hour (MPH). (Exhibit D, Project Vicinity)

The project would include drainage improvements within Temescal Wash. Activities would include minor regrading of the creek near the bridge and construction of concrete slope protection, cutoff wall, and riprap launch pad to protect the bridge abutments from scour. A 478-foot segment of the existing low-flow channel would be relocated to convey low flows through the proposed bridge. The relocated low-flow channel would extend approximately 100 feet downstream of the proposed bridge. It would also extend approximately 250 feet upstream of the proposed bridge. The approximate total construction area of the project is 6.27 acres with an impervious area of approximately 3.0 acres (proposed roadway pavement, bridge, and concrete slope protection near the bridge abutment). In contrast, the impervious area (roadway pavement and bridge) of the existing Temescal Canyon Road is approximately 1.8 acres.

### **Environmental Determination**

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared to analyze the potential impacts of the proposed Temescal Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project. The City transmitted the IS/MND to the State Clearinghouse which commenced the public review period which started on March 9, 2018 and was completed on April 9, 2018. The Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration that was circulated with the IS/MND stated that the City Council would consider the IS/MND at its May 8, 2018 meeting. However, due to the scope of comments received and the substantial revisions needed to address those comments, the City Council continued its consideration of the IS/MND and the City recirculated a revised IS/MND.

The Draft Recirculated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (Exhibit E) was analyzed the potential impacts of the proposed Temescal Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project. The City transmitted the Recirculated IS/MND to the State Clearinghouse which commenced the public review period on May 11, 2018. The 30-day review period was completed on June 11, 2018. 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.

The City received a total of four comment letters/e-mails by June 11, 2018 (Exhibit F). Commenters were:

- a. Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Stated that project was not located in Tribe's Traditional Use Area.)
- b. Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (Commented that Tribe concurred with proposed mitigation measures for tribal cultural resources.)
- c. Riverside County Transportation Commission (Commented that project does not appear to have any significant implications for Interstate 15.)

- d. Governor's Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) (Noted that the review period closed on June 11, 2018 and that no state agencies submitted comments by that date.)

The City acknowledges the comments received and concludes that no changes to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration or the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program are required.

Additionally, the City received two e-mails in support of the project. (Exhibit G)

### **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 Temescal Canyon Road Bridge Replacement 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 included in staff costs contained in the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 operating budgets.

### **Exhibits**

- A – CEQA Resolution
- B – MSHCP Resolution
- C – Regional Location
- D – Project Vicinity
- E – IS/MND including MMRP (The Technical Appendices are available for review on the City's website at <http://www.lake-elsinore.org/city-hall/community-development/planning/ceqa-documents-available-for-public-review/temescal-canyon-road-bridge-and-road-realignment-project>)
- F – Comment Letters
- G – E-mails in Support of Project