

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** MAY 26, 2009

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR U.S. 101/REYES ADOBE ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

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Staff is requesting City Council authorization to seek bids for the U.S. 101/Reyes Adobe Road Interchange Improvements project. The scope of work consists of the expansion of the overcrossing from 3 to 6 lanes, constructing sidewalks, adding safety and aesthetic features, such as a decorative fence and lighting. Construction of new ramp termini, drainage, storm water quality improvements, bridge widening, traffic signals, signing, striping, electrical, and landscaping will be completed. In addition, staff has coordinated with several utility companies to move existing facilities to allow for these improvements to take place. The attached exhibit shows a simulated picture of how the interchange will look upon completion.

Staff is prepared to advertise the project and is expected to receive Caltrans' approval of our *Request For Authorization (RFA) to Proceed with Construction* (also known as the "E-76" form) this month. Once this authorization has been granted by Caltrans, City staff will advertise the project for the required 45 days and follow all bidding procedures for Federal-Aid projects. The request is being made of the City Council at this time to avoid any delays in implementing the advertisement for the construction phase. Staff will bring back a recommendation to the City Council to award the project immediately after confirming the lowest responsive bidder. Construction is anticipated to begin 30 days from the award of the contract and should take approximately 12 to 18 months to complete.

Staff has prepared multiple communication outlets to keep local residents, businesses, and general commuters apprised of what is occurring during the construction phase of this project. Updates that are available relate to any delays or lane/road closures, as well as detours from the U.S. 101 relating to this project. Any interested party can sign up to receive project updates via the City's C-Mail, and there will be a hotline phone number distributed that will have pre-recorded messages with updates and pertinent information. Staff will be holding several informational meetings for interested residents, as well as one for business owners/operators.

The engineer's estimate of construction is approximately \$7.78 million. Construction costs will be paid from a combination of Federal (National Corridor/Interstate Maintenance/Transportation,

Community, & Systems Program) grant funds; Economic Stimulus allotted funds, MTA grant funds, TIF funds, Redevelopment Agency funds, and local matching funds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends that City Council authorize staff to seek bids for the U.S. 101/Reyes Adobe Road Interchange Improvements.

Attachment: Digital Rendering of Completed Interchange Improvements