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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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Subject: **Receive and File Report by the Director of Public Works Agency on the Status of Matilija Road North Emergency Repairs at MP 2.25; Determine Need to Continue the Action; Project No. P6X50663, Specification No. RD25-10(E); Supervisorial District No. 1; (Recommended No. 2 Requires 4/5ths vote).**

Recommendations:

1. Receive and file report within this letter on the status of work for the Matilija Road North Emergency Repairs at MP 2.25 as shown on Exhibit 1 (Vicinity Map) and Exhibit 2 (Location Map); Project No. P6X50663, Specification No. RD25-10(E).
2. Determine that there is a need to continue the emergency action (4/5ths vote required).

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is still no fiscal impact determined. The Board will be notified of fiscal impacts at the next Board meeting.

Discussion:

During the February 2024 storm, Matilija Road North was severely damaged at MP 2.25. The rip-rap embankment protecting the slope and subgrade had washed out leaving the roadbed exposed and without support. Currently, the remaining roadway only allows for one lane access for small vehicles; however, it is insufficient to support access for Emergency vehicles and fire trucks. It is urgent that access for emergency response fire crews and their equipment be provided because the location has high potential for exposure to fire fueled by strong winds. This is the only emergency evacuation route for the residents living in Matilija Canyon to access State Route 33.



On September 10, 2024, the Director of Public Works Agency (DPWA) exercised its delegated emergency authority to allow Public Works Agency (PWA) to procure the equipment, supplies, and services necessary to accelerate the repairs at MP 2.25 without a formal competitive bidding process to begin the work to restore emergency access by stabilizing the roadway and embankment. On September 24, 2024, this item was brought before your Board to review the action and determine the need to continue the action.

Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) sent out a Request for Quotes to four contractors (Summer Construction, Union Engineering, Damar Construction and GMZ Engineering). The projected schedule and cost for this procurement are shown below:

Request for Quotes:	September 16, 2024
Requests Due:	September 23, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.
Period of Performance:	Forty-Five (45) Calendar Days
Anticipated Contract Award:	September 24, 2024
Estimate Construction Costs:	\$1,300,000

Subsequently, PWA-RT is in the process of retaining a consultant contract with Galvin Preservation Associates to assist with the preparation and submittals of the necessary emergency permits from Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control board and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. Work under this contract will also include full-time biological monitoring during construction activities. In addition, PWA-RT will be procuring the services of two consultants to provide construction inspection and material testing.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050(b), your Board has delegated to the DPWA the authority, "in the case of an emergency, to repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment services and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts". When the DPWA exercises its delegated authority, it must be reported to the Board with reasons why the action was necessary within seven days of the action or at the next regular meeting provided it occurs not later than fourteen days from the action. Following the first meeting, if the emergency action has not concluded, the Board will have to find, by a four-fifths vote, that there is a continuing need for the action at each subsequent meeting. PWART will report the progress of the emergency action at the next regular Board Meeting.

Strategic Plan:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:



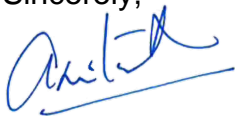
- I. Healthy, safe, and resilient communities through
 - 1. Providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.
 - 2. Maintaining high-performing public safety services.
 - 3. Promoting community resilience and strengthening our ability to withstand and recover from disaster or adversity.

- III. Reliable infrastructure and sustainability through
 - 1. Maintaining and improve dependable public resources to serve the needs of our diverse communities.
 - 2. Preserving our agricultural land and natural environment while ensuring housing availability for all residents.
 - 3. Investing in sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy, and preservation of our natural resources.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact Anitha Balan at (805) 664-2077.

Sincerely,



Anitha Balan
Director, Roads & Transportation

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map
- Exhibit 2 – Location Map

