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Boards of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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Subject: **Approve the Projects and Determine that the Following Six (6) Public Works Agency, Roads & Transportation Projects in Unincorporated Ventura County are Categorically Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Five (5) Pavement Resurfacing Projects on Riverside Rd; Center School and Todd Rd; Koenigstein Rd; Oakview & Piru; Pleasant Valley, Sturgis, and Wood Rd; and one (1) Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project at six (6) bridges; Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3, 5**

Recommendations:

Approve the projects and determine that the following six (6) Public Works Agency, Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) projects at various locations in unincorporated Ventura County are categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Five (5) pavement resurfacing projects on Riverside Rd; Center School and Todd Rd; Koenigstein Rd; Oakview & Piru; Pleasant Valley, Sturgis, and Wood Rd; and one (1) bridge deck rehabilitation project at six (6) bridges. Locations are shown as Exhibit 1 (Project Listings) and Exhibit 2 (Location Maps).

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There are no additional costs associated with this Board action.

Discussion:

In the next year, Public Works Agency, Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) plans to design and construct five pavement resurfacing projects consisting of pavement overlay and/or pavement rejuvenation treatments of many roads in various locations throughout unincorporated Ventura County. In addition to the paving projects, PWA-RT plans to rehabilitate the decks of six bridges at various locations as shown on Exhibit 1 (Project Listings) and Exhibit 2 (Location Maps).



Pavement Resurfacing Projects at Various Locations

The five pavement resurfacing projects located at various locations throughout unincorporated Ventura County area as shown on Exhibit 1 (Project Listing) and Exhibit 2 (Location Maps) are exempt projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15301 Class 1 (c) “Existing Facilities”. These projects involve the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities within public right-of-way including “existing highway and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities”.

Bridge Deck Rehabilitation at Various Locations

The Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project will rehabilitate six bridges at various locations as shown on Exhibit 1 (Project Listings) and Exhibit 2 (Location Maps). The routine bridge repair work will include removal of unsound concrete on the decks, replacing existing joint seals as well as sealing the bridge decks with methacrylate to extend the life of the bridges. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15301, Class 1 (d) “Existing Facilities”, the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA because it involves the repair, restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated existing structures to protect public health and safety as well as preservation of existing conditions.

These projects will not expand their past or existing use and will not have a significant effect on the environment, either individually or cumulatively, and are therefore categorically exempt as stated above because no exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 preclude the use of the Class 1 categorical exemption for the seven projects.

As in previous years, we request that your Board find these projects to be categorically exempt and approve them before the award of each contract for construction. This will allow the PWA-RT to purchase right-of-way, if necessary (temporary or permanent easements), during the design process. As a rule, no acquisitions can occur until after the completion of the CEQA process.

Upon your Board’s action, a Notice of Exemption will be prepared and filed for each of these seven proposed projects.

Strategic Plan:

These items contribute to the Board of Supervisors 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:

- I. Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities through
2. Maintaining high-performing public safety services.
- III. Reliable Infrastructure and Sustainability through

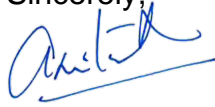


1. Maintain and improve dependable public resources to serve the needs of our diverse communities.
3. Invest in sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy, and preservation of our natural resources.

This letter 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 the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Project Listing
Exhibit 2 – Location Maps

