

December 15, 2009

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Subject: Approval of an Increase in Authority of Director of Transportation to Approve Payment of Costs to Qwest Communications Corporation, Up to Not-to-Exceed Total of \$315,000, for Additional Services in Relocating Fiber Optic Utilities within Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way in Camarillo City Limits for Lewis Road Widening Project Specification No. RD08-03, Project No. 50293 Supervisorial District No. 3

Recommendations:

Approve an increase in the authority of the Director of Transportation to approve the payment of costs to Qwest Communications Corporation (Qwest), from the previously authorized \$200,000 up to a not-to-exceed total of \$315,000, for additional services by Qwest to design, inspect, and relocate Qwest fiber optic utilities within the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way as part of the Lewis Road Widening Project.

Fiscal Mandates/Impacts:

Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:
Source of Funding: VCTC, CSUCI
Funding Match Required: No
Impact on Other Department(s): None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
Revenue:	100,000	0
Costs:		
Direct	100,000	0
Indirect - Agency/Dept	0	0
Indirect - CAP	0	0
Total Costs	100,000	0
Net Road Fund Costs Including Indirects	0	0
Recovered Indirect Cost (Dept. and County CAP)	0	0



Current 2009-10 Budget Projection for Road Fund				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings
Appropriations	52,993,100	73,456,722	73,456,722	-
Revenue	39,993,400	39,993,400	39,993,400	-
Net Cost	12,999,700	33,463,322	33,463,322	-

Sufficient revenue is available in the FY10 Adjusted Budget.

Discussion:

The widening of Lewis Road, in support of the development of California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI), is required to accommodate increases in traffic on Lewis Road. The first phase (County Segment) of the project was completed in March 2008.

The second phase (State Segment) of the project is to widen Lewis Road from Pleasant Valley Road to Ventura Boulevard, a distance of nearly one mile. It is called the State Segment because this portion of Lewis Road is part of State Route 34. As in the County Segment, the road will be widened to four lanes, with a median and shoulders. This project includes the construction of a new bridge over UPRR tracks, parallel to the existing Lewis Road Bridge.

Qwest has fiber optic utility lines which run underground along the UPRR tracks. A proposed bridge column is in conflict with the fiber optic lines, so it is necessary to relocate the fiber optic lines. Because Qwest has prior rights within the UPRR right-of-way, the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is responsible for funding the design and relocation of the fiber optic lines. The County has a Relocation Agreement (Exhibit 1) which allows Qwest to perform the required relocation work. The County will be reimbursed by VCTC for the costs the County pays to Qwest.

Qwest has been paid \$189,817.53 to date. Your Board authorized the Director of Transportation on February 24, 2009 (Exhibit 1) to approve payment of additional costs, up to a not-to-exceed total of \$200,000. Since the final costs will be in excess of \$200,000, we are returning to your Board for additional authorization.

Qwest is requesting an additional \$110,000.00 for additional inspection work due to unforeseen delays from slow UPRR approvals, Verizon utility delays, and drilling contractor delays. The inspector is required to be on the project site until all underground construction work in the UPRR right-of-way is complete. The additional funds will allow the inspector to be on site for the remainder of construction of Bent 4 (the final bridge column). This work should be completed by the end of December 2009. Accordingly, your Board is being asked to approve an increase in the authority of the Director of Transportation to approve the payment of costs to Qwest, from the

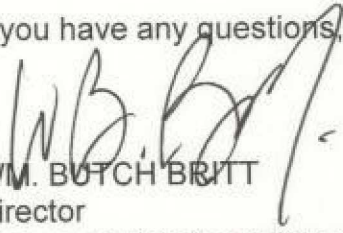
previously authorized \$200,000 up to a not-to-exceed total of \$315,000, for these additional services.

The majority of the funding for the Lewis Road Widening Project is being provided by VCTC under an agreement with the County dated October 12, 1999, amended June 20, 2000. VCTC is providing funding from several sources, including federal funding and the sale of bonds. CSUCI has paid approximately \$5.7 million for road improvements under a Memorandum of Understanding dated April 2, 2001. The construction contract for the State Segment was awarded to Security Paving Company, Inc. by your Board for \$11,959,642.75 on January 6, 2009.

The Project Environmental Impact Report and other related environmental documents have been previously approved by your Board, Caltrans, and the Federal Highway Administration.

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

If you have any questions, please call the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.



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Transportation Department

Exhibit 1 – Relocation Agreement with Quest Communications Corporation