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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject: Receive and File an Update on the Status of Bike Lane Projects;
All Supervisorial Districts.**

Recommendation:

Receive and file an update on the status of Bike Lane Projects.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There are no additional County costs associated with this Board item.

Discussion:

In 2017, Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) presented to your Board a bike lane study session at three different meetings (May 23, July 25, and December 12) to identify and prioritize the construction of bike lanes in the County road right-of-way. Bike lane projects were prioritized based on five primary criteria approved by your Board (Exhibit 1): Safety & Comfort, Route Readiness, Sustainability & Economic Benefit, Partnership, and Funding Leverage.

As part of the criteria for Route Readiness, PWA-RT grouped bicycle lanes into three (3) categories of improvements based on the complexity of the construction required or Constructability. Those categories were initially identified as A, B, and C. During these study sessions, your Board directed PWA-RT to complete the Category A bike lanes. The Category A bike lanes have been completed.

For Category B, most of the existing roadway includes an unpaved dirt shoulder within the right-of-way that meets the minimum 4-foot width for Class II bike lanes. Construction requires only pavement widening and shoulder backing in addition to pavement markings, striping, and signage. For the most complex Category C bike lanes, PWA-RT further separates these into categories C1 and C2. The existing roadway of C1 bike lanes does not accommodate the minimum 4-foot widening due to factors including geography, narrow shoulders, existing drainage ditches, utilities, or tree obstructions. Category C2 bike lanes include the same challenges of C1 bike lanes but also require major drainage



improvements and potential impacts to agricultural land use. All category C bike lanes will require extensive design and construction to complete, such as road realignment or reconstruction, significant drainage improvements, or utility relocations.

During these study sessions, your Board expressed a desire to complete the Category B bike lanes sometime in the ensuing five years. On June 11, 2019, your Board approved a funding plan in the amount of \$7,800,000 for bike lane project design and construction which included \$1,800,000 for the design and construction of the two top-priority bike lane projects and designated \$6,000,000 in funds for design and construction of future bike lane projects for FY 2021-24. This funding is from Assigned Program Mitigation funds and set aside in an assigned fund balance account titled – “Bike Lane Projects” for FY 2021 – FY 2024.

During the June 11, 2019 meeting, your Board also asked PWA-RT to report back with an estimated total cost of the remaining Category B projects, as well as the top Category C projects, so your Board could direct what projects should proceed to design and construction with the available funds.

On November 5, 2019, your Board approved a consultant services contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to produce a Category C Bike Lanes Feasibility Study. The study was completed, and the information was provided to your Board on June 9, 2020. The costs for the Category C1 and C2 projects are significant, with the C2 projects clearly very expensive.

Based on this information, your Board approved the following option for using the \$6,000,000 in funds from the Assigned Bike Lane Project Fund that your Board approved for FY 2021-2024 in addition to the \$1,000,000 in Road Fund for the design of bike lanes:

- Fund the remaining Category B projects except for Laguna Road (Wood Road to Lewis Road)
- Fund the highest-ranking Category C project Rose Avenue (Collins Street to Simon Way)

Since the presentation to your Board on June 9, 2020, PWA-RT has completed approximately eight miles of bike lanes, Rose Avenue (Simon Way to Central Avenue) and Rice Road (Baldwin Heights to Lomita Drive). The completed projects were funded with grant funding and Assigned Program Mitigation Funds.

PWA-RT also recently started the engineering phase for three projects in the Funding Option B list of bike lanes approved by your Board on June 9, 2020 (Exhibit 2), Rose Avenue (Collins Street to Simon Way), Santa Rosa Road (Yucca to Moorpark Road), and Rose Avenue (Central Avenue to SR 118). PWA-RT has secured \$330,000 in Active Transportation Plan Cycle 5 Grant funding to partially fund the Construction of Santa



Rosa Road Bike Lanes and a section of sidewalk adjacent to Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School. To date, PWA-RT has utilized approximately \$2,577,000 of the Assigned Bike Lane Project Funds towards the design and construction of bike lanes.

PWA-RT will continue to pursue funding from potential grant sources such as the Active Transportation Program (ATP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) from the list of projects approved by your Board (Exhibit 2) dependent on the eligibility and requirements of the grant program.

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 the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Kurgan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CHRISTOPHER KURGAN
Director
Roads & Transportation

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Board Approved Prioritization Criteria for Bike Lanes
- Exhibit 2 – Board Approved Priority List & Status (Option B)

