

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Patrick Thomas, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: May 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Solicitation of Construction Bids for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the Department of Public Works to solicit construction bids for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02.

BACKGROUND: In 2018, the Move I-15 Through Temecula Valley Regional Task Force, comprised of the City of Temecula and over a dozen local, state, federal, and sovereign institutions, identified operational improvements to help alleviate congestion on I-15. Of these improvements, the City agreed to take the lead on developing and constructing a new auxiliary lane on northbound I-15 from the Temecula Parkway on-ramp to the Rancho California Road off-ramp. In a separate project, Caltrans is working on similar improvements from Rancho California Road to Winchester Road and in the southbound direction between Winchester Road and Temecula Parkway.

Caltrans is the lead agency for the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). On April 27, 2022, Caltrans approved the CEQA Common Sense Exemption per 14 CCR 15061[b][3] and made the determination that NEPA did not apply to Project. On March 29, 2023, Caltrans revalidated these findings.

The Project plans and specifications are complete. The contract documents are available for review in the office of the Director of Public Works. Final approvals are expected soon from Caltrans, under the Streamlined Oversight Project (SOP) process. Upon receipt, the Project will be advertised for construction bids.

The Engineer's Estimate for construction is \$5.3 Million. The contract time to perform the work is 150 working days (approximately 8 months). Supplemental and agency furnished materials are estimated to be \$570,000 total.

FISCAL IMPACT: The I-15 Congestion Relief is included in the City's Capital Improvement Program FY 2023-27. The sources of funds for construction include Reimbursement-Pechanga IGA, State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), TUMF (CETAP/RCTC), and General Fund. Sufficient funds are available in the project budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Location Map
2. CIP Budget Project Sheet