



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** August 13, 2013
From: Brad Miller, Town Engineer **Item No:** 9
Subject: REVIEW PLANS AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE YUCCA LOMA
BRIDGE/YATES ROAD PROJECT

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Review and approve plans and bid documents for the Yucca Loma Bridge/Yates Road combined project;
2. Authorize staff to proceed with project, and solicit bids for construction.

SUMMARY:

Plans, specifications and bid documents for the Yucca Loma Bridge/Yates Road combined project have been prepared and are ready for approval and advertisement for bids. This project will consist of constructing a new bridge over the Mojave River within the Town of Apple Valley and unincorporated County of San Bernardino and widening and utility improvements on Yates Road. There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with approval of the plans and bid documents and authorization for solicitation of bids. This project is funded by the Town of Apple Valley, County of San Bernardino and SANBAG.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this project is to ease traffic congestion on Apple Valley Road, Bear Valley Road and SR-18 (Happy Trails Highway) by providing a new east-west corridor in the Victor Valley. It will also provide a more direct local connection to the Mojave Narrows Regional Park and ultimately provide an additional thoroughfare to access the new Interstate 15 - Nisqualli Road interchange. The Yucca Loma Bridge will connect Yucca Loma Road on the east side of the Mojave River to Yates Road on the west side of the Mojave River. In addition, a new regional storm drain facility and outfall will be constructed on Yucca Loma Road, extending from the Mojave River to Apple Valley Road.

In July of 2007 the Town retained Dokken Engineering as a consultant to design the proposed Yucca Loma Bridge, and complete the required Environmental Studies. In January of 2011, CEQA and NEPA approval was obtained for the project Environmental Document, enabling the project to be eligible for state and federal funding for construction. Currently, the project has

obtained National Park Service and Wildlife Conservation Board approval for a proposed Section 6(f) Parkland Conversion needed to obtain right-of-way from the State of California. Caltrans issued the project's Right-of-Way certification on May 21, 2013 and the California Transportation Commission approved \$9.7 million dollars of State Local Partnership Program funding for this project on June 11, 2013.

San Bernardino County and the Town of Apple Valley have entered into a Construction Agreement to combine the Yucca Loma Bridge and Yates Road segments of the larger Yucca Loma Road/Yates Road/Green Tree Boulevard Transportation Project. The Town will serve as lead Agency for both segments as specified in the approved Construction Agreement.

Plans, Specifications and Project Estimates have been finalized and the project is ready to be advertised, and receive bids for construction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

VICINITY MAP:

