



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** December 8, 2015

From: Brad Miller, Town Engineer **Item No:** 9
Engineering Department

Subject: REVIEW AND APPROVE BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE YUCCA LOMA
ROAD WIDENING PROJECT – PROJECT NO. 2015-02

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. That the Town Council review and approve bid documents for the Yucca Loma Road Widening – Project No. 2015-02;
2. That the Town Council authorize staff to advertise and solicit bids for construction of said project.

SUMMARY:

Plans, specifications and bid documents for the Yucca Loma Road Widening project have been prepared and are ready for approval and advertisement of bids.

Work will consist of reconstructing/widening the existing Yucca Loma Road from two (2) to four (4) lanes and drainage improvements along Yucca Loma Road from Kasanka Trail to Apple Valley Road. The newly widened roadway will connect Apple Valley Road to the new bridge currently being constructed over the Mojave River that connects to Yates Road in unincorporated San Bernardino County. The new storm drain system will connect the existing 84" storm drain on Yucca Loma Road that currently terminates near Apple Valley Road to the new outfall into the Mojave River near Kasanka Trail as indicated on the plans and specifications for construction of the Yucca Loma Road Widening.

The project will require major traffic control operations to facilitate access to the adjacent Rio Vista Elementary School and to the surrounding neighborhoods for motorists and schoolchildren. Coordination and compliance is also required by the contractor with the various regulatory agencies and utility companies including, but not limited to Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, Southern California Edison, Southwest Gas, and Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company. This project is funded by

the Town of Apple Valley, Active Transportation Program (Safe Routes To School) State-only funds, Federal Surface Transportation Priorities funds and SANBAG.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this project is to ease traffic congestion on Bear Valley Road and SR-18 (Happy Trails Highway) as a new east-west route in the High Desert. It will also provide a more direct local connection to the Mojave Narrows Regional Park and ultimately provide a main thoroughfare for the new Interstate 15/Nisqually Road Interchange. Yucca Loma Road will connect Apple Valley on the east side of the river to Yates Road on the west side of the river. In addition, a new regional drainage facility will be constructed along Yucca Loma Road from the Mojave River to Apple Valley Road.

In July of 2007 the Town hired Dokken Engineering as a consultant to design the bridge and road widening and complete the environmental compliance. The current status of the project is as follows: CEQA – Initial Study with a Mitigated Negative Declaration approved on January 7, 2011, and approved for future consideration of funding by the CTC on June 11, 2013; NEPA – Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment with Section 4(f) Evaluation approved on January 7, 2011. Revalidation of this document was approved on April 21, 2015. Caltrans issued the project’s Right-of-Way certification on April 21, 2015, and the California Transportation Commission approved State-only Active Transportation Program funding for this project on June 25, 2015. Federal Highway Administration, through FTIP Amendment 15-13, approved Federal Surface Transportation Priorities funds for this project on November 9, 2015.

Plans, specifications and project estimate were finalized and the project is ready to be advertised and go out to bid.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project has been appropriated in the Town Council approved 2015-2016 Capital Improvements Projects Budget. There is no immediate fiscal impact with approval of the bid documents and authorization to advertise for bids.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Vicinity Map

VICINITY MAP:

