

# STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 13  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: April 21, 2010  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Development Services Department  
SUBJECT: **BUDGET APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE ACCESS  
FEASIBILITY STUDY IN THE JEFFRIES RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**

## SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 to study alternate public road access alternatives within the Jeffries Ranch neighborhood area.

## BACKGROUND

In November of 2008, Caltrans completed the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the expansion of State Route 76 east of Melrose Drive from 2 lanes to a 4-lane expressway. The Caltrans EIR recommends the closure of Jeffries Ranch Road at State Route 76 due to safety and design constraints.

On March 25, 2010, City and Caltrans staff participated in a community meeting in the Jeffries Ranch neighborhood area to address citizen concerns over the closure of Jeffries Ranch Road at State Route 76. Caltrans staff agreed to analyze the feasibility of establishing acceleration/deceleration lanes on State Route 76 at Jeffries Ranch Road that would provide limited right-in/right-out access.

By the meeting's conclusion, City staff agreed to work with the residents of Jeffries Ranch to study the feasibility of establishing a second public road access to State Route 76.

## ANALYSIS

A budget appropriation is only being requested at this time. However, it is anticipated that the feasibility study will address the following key aspects:

- Study two public road access alternatives, including a re-evaluation of a new connection to State Route 76 at the easterly end of the neighborhood. This roadway was previously considered Secretariat Way and would extend Belmont Park to State Route 76 with connections at Spur and Jeffries Ranch Road as identified in Exhibit 1.

- Review existing environmental conditions on a preliminary level.
- Develop conceptual alternate public road access designs.
- Conduct traffic impact report to assess impacts associated with shift in traffic flows.
- Two community meetings.

A detailed scope of work will be completed in the form of a Request for Proposals (RFP) and will be mailed to consultants.

Specific funding for this study will be authorized as part of the next available TransNet amendment. Approval of this item will direct staff to return with a recommendation to approve a professional services agreement and funding for the study.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost for preparation of the study is \$75,000. The current unallocated TransNet balance in fund 212.3100.0001 is \$7,868,000, which is sufficient for the proposed project study. The appropriated funds will be placed in 902116200212.

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Does not apply.

### **COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Staff will present to the Transportation Commission for their review the proposed project background and scope of work.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

Does not apply.

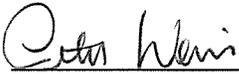
**RECOMMENDATION**

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Attachment:  
Exhibit 1

