



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Presentation from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) on the Current Design Efforts of the Highland Springs Interchange Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File

BACKGROUND:

The Cities of Banning and Beaumont entered into an agreement with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (Resolution 2019-114) to provide project management services for the Project Study Report (PSR) and Project Alternative/Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) phases of the Highland Springs Interchange Improvement Project. This project would make interim improvements to the Highland Springs Interchange with a design requirement through 2050.

The current Highland Springs Interchange was constructed with Interstate 10 in a tight diamond configuration in the late 1950's. Subsequent improvements expanded the footprint of the bridge between the eastbound and westbound lanes, and again for the addition of a 4th eastbound and westbound lane, and the construction of the grade separation with the Union Pacific Railroad reconfigured portions of Highland Springs Avenue. The ramps themselves have not had significant change or upgrade since the initial construction of the freeway.

With development in the City of Beaumont and the City of Banning, traffic delay on both Highland Springs Ave and the ramps themselves has increased to unacceptable levels. Under the agreement with RCTC, the PSR has already been completed and the project is in the PA/ED Phase. Future phases include the Plans, Specification, and Estimates (PSE) phase, and the construction (CON) phase.

Staff from RCTC and the design consultant will provide details of the project status, alternatives, and future direction and schedules.

JUSTIFICATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

The PA/ED phase is being funded through the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) program. This program assesses a transportation impact fee on new development within the Pass Zone. Allocations from the Pass Zone have been made in previous years to ensure that funding is available for the project to continue through this phase.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

BUDGETED?:

No

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [RCTC Presentation.pdf](#)