

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

SUBJECT: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ROAD FUND, ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNALIZATION, AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT AND AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THREE TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND CEQA FINDING (DISTRICTS: 2 & 5)

OVERVIEW

County of San Diego (County) staff regularly conduct review of road segments and intersections that do not currently have traffic signals. The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) evaluates intersections and provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (Board) based on increased traffic volumes and traffic accident collision data, input from Department of Public Works (DPW) staff, and support from the associated Community Planning and Sponsor Groups. If the Board approves the TAC's recommendations, intersections are added to the Traffic Signal List (List). The List is reevaluated annually, and projects are implemented as funding is identified. The following three intersections were approved by the Board to be added to the unfunded List on the dates noted below:

1. Lake Jennings Park Rd & El Monte-Julian Ave, Lakeside (District 2) - March 24, 2020
2. Mission Rd & Santa Margarita Dr, Fallbrook (District 5) - April 6, 2011
3. Mission Rd & Pepper Tree Ln, Fallbrook (District 5) - October 20, 2010

The California Vehicle Code requires adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors to add intersections to the Resolution Relating to the Establishment of Signalized Intersections in the County of San Diego (Traffic Resolution No. 303), which allows enforcement of the intersection controls once operational. Today's action includes the adoption of the required resolution for the three intersections. It also includes a request to establish additional appropriations from the Road Fund fund balance of \$4,200,000 in the current year spending plan for the three traffic signal projects: 1) Mission Road and Pepper Tree Lane in the amount of \$1,200,000; 2) Lake Jennings Park Road and El Monte Road-Julian Avenue in the amount of \$1,500,000; and 3) Mission Road and Santa Margarita Drive in the amount of \$1,500,000, and to approve the advertisement and award of a construction contract for all three signals.

The designs for the intersections are in final design and will be advertised for construction in the Summer of 2026. If approved, construction will begin Fall 2026 and is estimated to be complete by Spring 2027. The three identified intersections being considered today are collectively referred to as the 2026 Three Traffic Signals Project (Project) and all are on the County of San Diego - Traffic Signal List.

This is a request to approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract for the Project. The estimated total project cost for the three intersections is \$4,739,500, including a 20% contingency for unforeseen conditions that may arise during construction. The funding source is the existing prior year available Road Fund fund balance (\$1,060,000), current year Road Fund fund balance (\$3,678,388) and Intersection Improvement Fee Program (\$1,112).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because it involves the repair and maintenance of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
2. Establish appropriations of \$4,200,000 in the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Services and Supplies, for the design and construction of the Mission Road and Pepper Tree Lane traffic signal project, Mission Road and Santa Margarita traffic signal project and Lake Jennings Park Road and El Monte/Julian Avenue traffic signal project based on available prior year Road Fund fund balance (\$802,612) and current year Road Fund fund balance (\$3,397,388). **(4 VOTES)**
3. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract and to take any action authorized by Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code, with respect to contracting for the 2026 Three Traffic Signals Project.
4. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract, in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects.
5. Adopt the following resolution: RESOLUTION AMENDING TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 303 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

DPW conducts routine inspections of facilities and roadways and relies on various community engagement methods such as the Tell Us Now! mobile app and toll-free hotlines to intake reports of safety concerns. To ensure that underserved populations are prioritized, DPW evaluates and identifies vulnerable populations, using data from the Healthy Places Index (HPI), CalEnviroScreen, San Diego Live Well communities, Environmental Justice Communities, and other County data sources during the review of traffic signals, roadways, and street crossings. The review of traffic signals, roadways, and street crossings supports vehicle and pedestrian safety on all County-maintained roads.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions have social, health and well-being, and environmental sustainability benefits. The Traffic Advisory Committee has made addressing sustainability a top priority by partnering with local communities and industry leaders in a public forum every two months to find timely, reasonable, and cost-effective in-road traffic solutions that reduce costly traffic delays, mitigate vehicle idling to reduce emissions, improve fire response times and regional readiness, and ensure justice in enforcement of traffic regulations

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works (DPW) Road Fund. If approved, this request will result in additional costs and revenue of \$4,200,000 related to Recommendation 2, for an estimated total project cost of \$4,739,500 for design and construction cost of the three intersections and 20% contingency, based on risk evaluations for unforeseen conditions during construction. The funding sources are available prior

year Road Fund fund balance (\$1,060,000), current year Road Fund fund balance (\$3,678,388) and Intersection Improvement Fee Program (\$1,112). There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This project will improve the condition of the road which will facilitate the transit of goods and ease movement to jobs, schools, shopping and other services. County of San Diego construction contracts are also publicly advertised and competitively bid and help stimulate the local economy. All workers employed on public works projects must be paid prevailing wages determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project. Construction is administered in conformance with federal standards for labor practices, wage requirements, safety standards, the County of San Diego’s Working Families Ordinance and are subject to ongoing reporting and verification of compliance with these federal provisions

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 26-012 entitled: RESOLUTION AMENDING TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 303 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter