

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

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

SUBJECT: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SOUTH MISSION ROAD (NORTH SEGMENT) GREEN STREET PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)

OVERVIEW

The South Mission Road Green Street Project is a project that is part of the County's Green Streets Clean Water (GSCW) Plan, published in Spring 2022, which identifies opportunities within the unincorporated County of San Diego to implement green infrastructure in the road right-of-way. Green infrastructure projects, including green streets projects sited in the County road right-of-way, capture, slow down, and filter stormwater to reduce pollutants before they reach local waterbodies. The GSCW Plan and other green infrastructure projects support the County's compliance with the Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and Trash Amendments, which require local agencies to control the discharge of bacteria, trash, and other pollutants. To meet these requirements, the Department of Public Works (DPW) manages a green infrastructure capital program to improve local water quality.

This project is located in Fallbrook along South Mission Road (between Mission Oaks Road and Ammunition Road) and advances goals to improve water quality in the San Luis Rey River Watershed, which drains to the Pacific Ocean and which is subject to the MS4 Permit. The first phase of this project was funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was approved on August 28, 2024(4), is currently underway and will be completed in Spring 2026. To reach compliance with the MS4 Permit, Both phases of the Project incorporate structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are designed to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality during both wet and dry weather periods. If the Project does not move forward, the County risks future compliance with the MS4 Permit. The second phase of the Project will include installation of biofiltration basins to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff that would otherwise discharge into a tributary of the San Luis Rey River. Additionally, tree wells will be constructed to filter pollutants from stormwater before entering the storm drain along South Mission Road.

This is a request to approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract for the South Mission Road (North Segment) Green Street Project. If approved, construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2026 and be completed in mid-2027. The total project cost, including design, environmental review, construction, and contingency is estimated at \$7,700,000. The funding source is available prior-year General Fund fund balance and bond proceeds.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the South Mission Road (North Segment) Green Street Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines since the activities include minor improvements within existing right-of-way.

2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a construction contract and to take any other action authorized by Section 401 et seq. of the Administrative Code for South Mission Road (North Segment) Green Street Project.
3. 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.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Department of Public Works (DPW) strives to preserve, enhance, and promote quality of life and public safety through the responsible development and maintenance of reliable and sustainable infrastructure and services in the unincorporated area. To ensure that we are fairly and equitably serving all communities, while simultaneously complying with mandatory federal and State stormwater regulations, DPW uses a variety of tools to prioritize stormwater infrastructure improvement projects and to ensure that historically underserved populations are prioritized. The data used by DPW to evaluate and identify underserved populations includes data from the Healthy Places Index (HPI), CalEnviroScreen 4.0, San Diego LiveWell communities, Environmental Justice Communities, and other data sources. This project enhances the built environment by adding green spaces and creating safe and accessible streets; therefore, the project can help increase the HPI in an area that has an HPI percentile rank between 31% and 38% which indicates that between 62% and 69% of other California census tracts have healthier community conditions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This Project will provide environmental, social, and health and wellbeing sustainability benefits. It proposes 23 tree wells and 6 biofiltration basins which are green infrastructure that will help improve water quality by reducing the amount of pollution within existing storm drains. The Project will help restore the beneficial uses of local surface waters by improving habitat, community aesthetics and increasing recreational opportunities. The added trees will also help improve air quality, enhance public areas and provide shade. The Project aligns with the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of protecting and promoting natural resources, diverse habitats, and sensitive species, as it also enhances the natural environment for residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy. In addition, the trees planted with this project will help the County meet its Climate Action Plan goal of expanding the canopy across the unincorporated area prioritizing underserved communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are 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 total project estimated costs and revenue of \$7,700,000 for the South Mission Road (North Segment) Green Street Project. The funding source is available prior year General Fund fund balance (\$1,700,000) and bond proceeds (\$6,000,000). There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

County construction contracts are competitively and publicly bid and help stimulate the local economy by creating primarily construction-related employment opportunities. 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. The prevailing wage rates are

typically based on rates specified in collective bargaining agreements. A skilled and trained workforce requirement will be included in the contract in compliance with the County's Working Families Ordinance requirements for County construction projects.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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