

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

SUBJECT: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CULVERT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 RESURFACING PROGRAM AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego's (County) Department of Public Works (DPW) maintains over 18,000 drainage culverts throughout unincorporated areas of San Diego County. These culverts direct water beneath and away from roadways, which helps ensure safe transportation, reduces sediment contamination in waterways, and protects roads from expensive damage and public disruption. Maintaining culverts is essential for the overall health of the County's road network and supports the Board of Supervisors (Board) commitment on May 2, 2017 (11) to achieve an average Pavement Condition Index of 70 using Senate Bill 1 funding.

The Board's expanded annual road resurfacing program launched in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 and has consistently included culvert maintenance for roads selected for resurfacing. Each fiscal year, after developing the road resurfacing schedule, DPW staff identify and assess culverts on these roads to determine maintenance needs and conduct outreach to the communities where culvert work is needed to share information on the schedule and approach. This culvert work can be incorporated into resurfacing projects, handled through Job Order Contracts, or managed as separate low bid contracts. Due to cost considerations, convenience factors, and capacity constraints, DPW proposes using a low bid construction contract for culvert maintenance activities on roads in the FY 2025-26 expanded resurfacing program.

Attachment A contains the complete list of culverts associated with the FY 2025-26 expanded road resurfacing program, identifying 48 culverts throughout the County's unincorporated areas that require maintenance. This request seeks approval to advertise and award a construction contract to the lowest bidder for culvert maintenance on County-maintained roads. The estimated project cost is \$3,918,000, which includes a 10% contingency for unexpected conditions during construction, funded through Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation State Gas Tax revenue. DPW plans to advertise and award the contract in Fall 2025, with construction beginning in January 2026 and completing by the end of 2026.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because it involves the maintenance of existing culverts involving no or negligible expansion of existing use.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a construction contract and to take other actions authorized by Section 401 et seq. of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for culvert repair and replacement.

3. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contracts in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The culvert maintenance work proposed in this action is directly related to the County of San Diego (County), Department of Public Works expanded annual road resurfacing program and includes culverts that are associated with this resurfacing work. The road resurfacing program utilizes the most recent version of CalEnviroScreen (4.0) and Healthy Places Index (3.0) GIS layer to identify culverts that are located within underserved communities. Approximately 65% of the culverts on the list are within underserved communities. Road resurfacing and culvert maintenance will improve and protect the condition of the roads and facilitate transit and mobility to underserved communities. County construction contracts are also publicly advertised and competitively bid which helps to stimulate the local economy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Maintaining existing drainage culverts protects roads and provides benefits to sustainability in terms of economy, environment, social, health and well-being. Maintaining culverts in a timely manner prevents more costly future maintenance efforts, thereby supporting economic sustainability. Functional drainage facilities minimize flooding and promote the safe transit of vehicles and pedestrians, which supports the walkability of communities. The drainage improvements proposed in this action contribute to the County of San Diego's sustainability goals to improve water quality which supports the health and wellbeing of residents by minimizing contaminants in water ways and vectors such as mosquitos that can transmit disease.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works Road Fund. If approved, project costs are estimated to be \$3,918,000, including 10% construction contingency. The funding source is Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation State Gas Tax revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

County of San Diego construction contracts are competitively and publicly bid and help stimulate the local economy by creating primarily construction-related employment opportunities. All workers employed on the 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 usually based on rates specified in the collective bargaining agreements.

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

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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