

CITY OF DANA POINT
AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2004

TO: CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL

FROM BRAD FOWLER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE STONEHILL AND CAMINO CAPISTRANO INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS, AS PART OF THE ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council authorize the advertisement of the Stonehill and Camino Capistrano Intersection Improvement Project for construction bids, as part of the Annual Traffic Safety Improvement Project.

ISSUES:

City staff has nearly completed the design for the Stonehill and Camino Capistrano Intersection Improvement Project, as part of the Annual Traffic Safety Improvement Program. Therefore, staff formally requests that the Council authorize staff to proceed with the advertisement for construction bids.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Dana Point (CDP), in conjunction with the City of San Juan Capistrano (SJC) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), has identified the need for improvements at the intersection of Stonehill and Camino Capistrano. Improvements that are planned to be completed with this project and are shown on Exhibit B include:

1. Adding an additional eastbound thru lane on Stonehill Drive to better channel vehicles onto the northbound Interstate 5 Freeway.
2. Adding an additional right turn lane for southbound Camino Capistrano to accommodate more traffic.
3. Reconfiguring northbound Camino Capistrano to allow for an exclusive right turn, one exclusive left turn and a shared left/thru lane. To accomplish this configuration, the signal will also be changed to split

phasing to allow southbound and northbound legs of the intersection to operate independently.

Included as Supporting Document A is a letter from SJC that describes the funding for the project. In addition, SJC and Caltrans are currently reviewing the project plans for issuance of permits. The City hopes permits will be secured within 30 days.

DISCUSSION:

The CDP, as stated previously, has nearly completed the design documents. Staff is awaiting receipt of final comments from SJC and Caltrans and Caltrans' approved permit, and hopes to finalize the documents in December 2004. Once the plans are complete, staff would like to move the project forward, and hereby requests that the City Council consider allowing the advertisement of the project for construction bids. Assuming a smooth bidding process, staff will return to Council for construction contract award approval in February 2005.

City staff has included an exhibit as Supporting Document B that describes the proposed improvements.

NOTIFICATION/FOLLOW-UP:

Mr. Bill Huber, City of San Juan Capistrano

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

In compliance with the Strategic Plan Initiative to maintain, modernize and beautify the City's infrastructure and neighborhoods, this project implements the tactical element of upgrading and maintaining our roads and bridges.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of the intersection modifications at Stonehill Drive and Camino Capistrano is currently estimated to cost \$150,000. The current plan is to use GMA #11 Funding to fully fund this project. If additional funding is required, there is additional funding available under the Annual Traffic Safety Improvement Program. Referenced in the attached letter \$150,000 will be returned to Dana Point's GMA Pacific Coast Highway project in the next Measure M funding cycle.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

1. Other alternatives as determined by the City Council.

ACTION DOCUMENTS:

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None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

A.	Letter from the City of San Juan Capistrano	4
B.	Exhibit of Proposed Improvements (hard copy provided).....	6

Supporting Document A – Letter from San Juan Capistrano

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Doug Chotkevys, City Manager
City of Dana Point
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Subject: Stonehill at I-5 Funding

Dear Doug:

Per recent conversations between various staff and Council members there perhaps is some misunderstanding regarding the funding for the subject project. This letter hopefully will help to clarify the funding concerns so that we can move forward cooperatively to construction and completion of this mutually beneficial project.

Initially, both cities concurred the project would be of mutual benefit in relieving traffic congestion at the subject project location. As can be seen from Attachment 1 (October 6 e-mail) the two cities worked on determining the fund sharing based on the traffic numbers. It was requested by Dana Point to consider a 75/25 (Dana Point/San Juan Capistrano) split. At the time it was believed that both cities would fund the project from our local funds.

As we were working through the funding issue it occurred to the cities that an alternative funding arrangement could be made that would not take any local funds away from either city. Measure M allocates local funds through Growth Management Area 11 (GMA 11). The GMA is comprised of the Cities of Dana Point, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and the County. Funds are divided up by the GMA which receives an allocation of funds every two years. When Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano looked at the funding available in the GMA there was only one project available in the next year that funds could temporarily be shifted to the Stonehill at I-5 project. The project is Dana Point's Pacific Coast Highway improvement which had \$902,000 set aside. It was determined that since the Pacific Coast Highway project would not spend the entire allocation in 2004-05 that \$150,000 could be shifted to the Stonehill at I-5 project. This shift of funds would allow the Stonehill at I-5 project to utilize the GMA funds in 2004-05 with no local funding needed.

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The GMA approved the fund shift at its meeting of December 17, 2004 (Attachment 2). It was further agreed that during the next Measure M funding cycle the \$150,000 would be restored to Dana Point's Pacific Coast Highway Project. The cycle occurs every two years with next cycle due in 2005.

Hopefully this will clarify the issue as we do not believe there is a need for cost sharing under the current approved GMA funding scenario. Please let me know if you concur.

Please contact me if we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Dave Adams
City Manager

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Attcs.

cc: City Council, San Juan Capistrano
Bill Huber, Assistant City Manager
Ray Holland, Interim Director of Engineering

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT B: Exhibit of Proposed Modifications

Hard copy provided