

Monthly Roads Update

DESIGN:

Diamond Street TE – Design 90% complete. Allocation Request approved by CTC at June meeting. Plans are being finalized and prepared for QC/QA review. E-76 was approved on 8-11-2014; The Landscape Architect consultant for the project unexpectedly passed away this summer, his estate recently forwarded his design files to Roads. His design was substantially complete and is now being incorporated into the project plans. The electrical designer was a subcontractor to the LSA and as a result we are now finalizing an agreement directly with him for the remainder of the electrical design. (\$1,000,000 TE Project)

Ming Avenue Widening – Baldwin to Anita Lane - Topographic survey complete. Negotiations with property owners are on-going.

Improvements in the Golden Hills Area – Sidewalks along Madre St, Park St, and Sierra Avenue. Environmental is complete. Survey is complete. Design is 100% complete. E-76 approval received in June. Internal review nearly complete, and corrections/revisions are being made in preparation for QC/QA review. Project is anticipated to be advertised in September, construction would follow in spring 2015. (\$213,000 Fed SRTS Project).

Roost Road – Bear Valley Springs Road to end - Pave Dirt Road. The project is out to bid with the bid opening date scheduled for September 10th. Construction will follow in the fall. (\$375,000 CMAQ Project).

Antelope Run Bicycle Path - From Highline to Tehachapi Boulevard. Environmental clearance has been achieved. Survey is complete. City of Tehachapi provided all easement documents to Roads for the bike path. It appears from the initial review of the easements that all necessary easements along the North/South portion of the bike path have been acquired. An additional East/West easement is being worked on between the City of Tehachapi and Tehachapi Cummings Water, which is needed before the project can go to the CTC for an Allocation Vote. Roads held a meeting with Tehachapi Cummings County Water District and the City of Tehachapi to discuss what the District will require in the design to be safe and accessible across their dam. Roads provided the CAD files for the City's contract surveyor to write the legal description for the easement. Tehachapi and the District met the necessary deadline to secure a CTC vote at the August 20 CTC meeting. The Allocation Request for the project was granted by the CTC. Design is now ready to begin and is tentatively scheduled to be completed in late 2014/early 2015. The project's final schedule will be set following the project kickoff meeting. A late spring to early summer construction is anticipated. (\$400,000 TE Project).

CONSTRUCTION:

Cummings Valley Rd - Bailey Rd to SR 202 – Shoulder Paving. Contractor: RC Becker. Contract Amount: \$277,917.25. All work was completed as of August 14, 2014 and the Notice of Completion will be before the Board on September 9, 2014. (\$375,000 CMAQ Project).

Bear Valley Rd – Cummings Valley Rd to Brown Lane – Shoulder Paving. Contractor: RC Becker. Contract Amount: \$208,941.75. All work was completed as of August 14, 2014 and the Notice of Completion will be before the Board on September 9, 2014. (\$300,000 CMAQ Project).

Redrock-Randsburg Road – SR 14 to Garlock Road – Construct Paved Shoulders. Contractor: Granite Construction. Contract Amount: \$1,446,001.00. On hold due for approximately 30 days while the US Fish and Wildlife Service review the environmental survey findings. (\$1,900,000 CMAQ Project).

PERMITS:

Advanced High Voltage is in the process of installing junction vaults, and direct buried cable on Oak Creek Rd. for Gen-Tie. From SCE Wind Hub to Holt St.

So. Cal Gas has started work on 12” gas main starting on Rancho Road south of Arvin going north to Sycamore Road, then west to Edison Road, then north to Panama Lane and ending at Kern Oil Refinery. Still in progress.

Mojave High School Decorative Sidewalk – We have prepared two estimates for re-construction of the sidewalk to meet ADA requirements. To remove and replace 4 foot wide sidewalk with ADA compliant ramps is approximately \$30,000.00. To build entirely new sidewalk westerly of the decorative sidewalk is estimated to be \$80,000.00. Estimate was sent to the Principal and Superintendent and Roads has not received a response.

TRAFFIC:

Crosswalk on **Business 58** in Mojave – Construction Complete.

Traffic received a request for improvements to the crosswalk at **25th/Eagle and Rosamond Boulevard**. We have designed the median modifications for the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at this crosswalk. We are working with Maintenance to schedule this work.

Traffic is working on coordinating the signals on the **Rosamond Boulevard** corridor from 35th Street West to United.

Traffic has reviewed **90th Street West and Avenue A in Rosamond** for the installation of an all-way stop. We are recommending that an all-way stop be installed. We forwarded our analysis to LA County for their approval. They agree with our findings and are sending the request to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

Traffic revised the intersection of **25th Street West and Rosamond Boulevard** to better facilitate southbound traffic. We removed the crosswalk on the eastside of the intersection and modified the signal timing.

Traffic received a request to study the intersection of **Banducci and Highline in Tehachapi**. We will check the accident history and traffic volumes to see if any improvements/modifications are necessary at this intersection.

There was a **traffic accident on the Oak Creek Road overpass**. Two streetlights were knocked down. We will replace them and hopefully be reimbursed by the driver's insurance company.

KERNCOG:

The Roads Department has entered into an agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., to prepare a study evaluating different options for connecting California City Boulevard with the existing interchange at State Route 58 and 140th Street. The first draft of the final report was presented at the PDT meeting on August 21st. The report is expected to be finalized and submitted in mid-September.

The following CMAQ Projects were selected for funding and approved by the KernCOG Board on February 20th.

Shoulders on Banducci Rd from Pelliser to Bear Valley - (\$320,000 CMAQ Funds)

Shoulders on Cal City Blvd from City Limits to SR 58 – (\$1,445,694 CMAQ Funds)

Umtali Road is being programmed for FY 16-17 and will be pushed forward in the event that additional CMAQ funds become available from other agencies unable to deliver their projects.

An application for an ATP grant to construct sidewalk along SR 14 from Oak Creek Road overpass to the Stater Bros. Shopping Center was submitted on May 21st. Unfortunately, it was not selected for funding. The next call for projects for ATP funding is expected to be in the spring.

TRANSIT:

The new Kern Transit schedule went into effect on Monday, August 4th. There has already been a dramatic improvement in the on-time performance. The new schedule will be effective until January 4th. Kern Transit will be gathering feedback from all stakeholders through early November and will incorporate changes into the next schedule to go into effect on January 5, 2015.

One change to the schedule has been made in response to public feedback. An additional stop for Route 100 (Bakersfield – Lancaster) was added near Albertsons in Rosamond for the first and last trips of the day, when Dial-A-Ride is not available.

MAINTENANCE:

Received complaints that truck traffic associated with the Antelope Valley Solar project is causing damage to Avenue A (between Hwy 14 and 110 St West), and also on Mojave Tropic Road. We are monitoring the condition of these roads and doing any necessary patch work. We are also taking a further look to see if an alternate route could be used for construction.

Update: Traffic is not causing any significant damage to the roadways, and we will continue monitoring their condition.

Rosamond Area Concrete Work – Concrete repair work for the neighborhood near 15th Street West & Monte Vista Avenue and also near Orange Street & B Street has been completed.

Mojave Area Roadway Sealing – Fog sealed (oiled) Cache Creek Blvd., Highline Rd., and Pinon Canyon to better protect these roads. All work completed.

Banducci Road – East of Bear Valley Road. Two existing cattle guards will be removed from the roadway because the rails are damaged and pose a hazard to traffic (and bicyclists). Work will be completed (and road repaved) before the GranFondo Bike Race on September 13th.

2014 Blade Seal Projects – Performed by Maintenance Crews this summer:

Rancho Road from 1 mile North of David to Laval – 5.3 Miles

Rancho Road from Teale to David – 3.0 Miles

Adobe Road from SR 223 to Teale – 5.0 Miles

Herring Road from Tejon to Rancho – 1.55 Miles

Sandrini road from Edison to Wheeler Ridge – 2.0 Miles

Panama Road from Towerline to Neumarkel – 2.0 Miles

Sweetser Road, East and West of Mojave Tropic – 2.0 Miles

Hamilton Road from Willow Springs Road West 1 Mile – 1.0 Miles

Gaskill Road from 60th to 90th – 3.0 Miles

Ryolite Avenue from West of Mojave Tropic to Dacite – 0.25 Miles

Felsite Avenue from West of Mojave Tropico to Dacite – 0.25 Miles
Andesite Avenue from West of Mojave Tropico to Dacite – 0.25 Miles
Dacite Avenue from Rhyolite to Andesite – 0.25 Miles
Claymine Road from SR 58 to Hillcrest – 1.30 Miles
Davenport Street from Glendower to Lorraine – 0.50 Miles
Lamel Street from Glendower to Lorraine – 0.50 Miles
Clement Street from Glendower to Lorraine – 0.50 Miles
Fox Street from Glendower to Lorraine – 0.50 Miles
Lorraine Avenue from Claymine to Fox – 0.40 Miles
Boron Streets from East of Boron, North of 20 Mule Team – 3.6 Miles
Camelot Boulevard from SR 14 to Holt - 1.20 Miles
~~Highline Road from SR 202 to TWS = 7.0 Miles To be fog sealed~~