



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 3, 2020
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 4
**SUBJECT: VAN BUREN BOULEVARD SEWER INSTALLATION PROJECT –MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

ISSUE:

Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Installation Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Find that the Van Buren Boulevard sewer installation project will not have a significant effect on the environment based on the analysis and mitigation set forth in the case record herein; and
2. Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

BACKGROUND:

On March 21, 2017, the City Council approved a conceptual plan to provide new sewer facilities on Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and King Avenue (Project) and authorized the Public Works Department to begin engineering design, environmental clearance, and right-of-way acquisition for the construction of new sewer facilities. During the meeting, City Council directed staff to collaborate with the County of Riverside Executive Office and Economic Development Agency to create a Community Facility District (CFD) to fund the Project and to work with Western Municipal Water District to establish an Interagency Agreement to provide temporary sewer services on Van Buren Boulevard between Little Court and Gamble Avenue.

On February 5, 2019, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, and Western Municipal Water District for the construction of the Van Buren Sewer Improvements Project which includes new public sewer facilities on Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and King Avenue to promote economic growth and designate \$14 million of Sewer Enterprise Fund 2015 Bond proceeds to fund the Project.

DISCUSSION:

The Van Buren Sewer Installation Project (Project) consists of construction and operation of facilities (sewer pipeline, sewage lift station, and force main) as required to provide service to

properties along Van Buren Boulevard from the intersection of King Avenue (to the west) to the intersection of Wood Road (to the east) (Attachment 1). Said facilities will also provide sewer service to a proposed residential development (Tract 36897), located north of Van Buren Boulevard, on a property northwesterly of the intersection of Iris Avenue and Chicago Avenue, and a neighboring parcel (west of Tract 36897) identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 245-300-004. The Project includes the following components:

1. Proposed Sewer and Force Main Pipelines ranging from 6 inches to 12 inches in diameter, including:
 - a. Construction of approximately 10,900 linear feet (LF) of new gravity main in Van Buren Boulevard from Wood Road to Washington Street;
 - b. Construction of approximately 900 LF of new gravity main in Washington Street from Van Buren Boulevard to the new Krameria Avenue Lift Station (Krameria LS);
 - c. Construction of approximately 1,300 LF of new gravity sewer main in Van Buren Boulevard from King Avenue to Washington Street;
 - d. Construction of approximately 900 LF each of two new parallel sewer force main in Washington Street from the new Krameria Avenue lift station to Van Buren Boulevard; and
 - e. Construction of approximately 10,900 LF each of two new parallel sewer force mains in Van Buren Boulevard from Washington Street to Wood Road.
2. Proposed Krameria Avenue Lift Station will consist of the following:
 - a. Submersible pumps
 - b. Wet well
 - c. Control panels
 - d. Emergency standby generator
 - e. Odor control system
 - f. Emergency storage vault
 - g. Emergency back-up pumps
3. Demolition and Removal of the existing Martin Luther King 1 Lift Station.
4. Improvements to the existing Wood Road Lift Station include construction of below grade storage tank to provide adequate storage volume for the additional sewer coming from the Van Buren Boulevard area.

The Draft Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project (Attachment 2) was circulated for public review from January 6, 2020 to February 6, 2020. One comment was received from the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians requesting a copy of the final monitoring report when it is available (Attachment 4). Therefore, no changes to the IS/MND were needed. Pursuant to section 15073.5 of the CEQA guidelines, recirculation is not required.

As detailed in the IS/MND, any identified potential impacts are less than significant through compliance with existing regulations, project design considerations, or implementation of mitigation measures. Pursuant to Section 15097(c), a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) (Attachment 3) has been prepared to verify implementation of adopted mitigation measures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Draft Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)
3. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
4. Letter from Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians