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County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project

The City of Yucaipa's adopted General Plan has identified County Line Road as a major secondary highway arterial; meaning the roadway was designed to not only support residential, commercial, and industrial development but also serves as a connector to a major freeway system. The roadway services the City of Yucaipa and Calimesa, provides access to Interstate 10, Calimesa Elementary School, Wildwood Elementary School as well as multiple residential communities and commercial properties. As a result, traffic along County Line Road has significantly increased over the years between the intersections of Calimesa Boulevard and Bryant Street which is heavily impacted during peak morning and evening commuting hours.

In 2017, discussions were held with the City of Yucaipa and Calimesa regarding a joint effort to improve County Line Road in order to refine roadway operations and traffic flow through the corridor. As a part of these discussions, it was identified that multiple roadway and drainage improvements were needed between Calimesa Boulevard and Bryant Street. The County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project (Project) has been designed and engineered to mitigate traffic congestion, improve traffic circulation, enhance public safety, and provide opportunities for residents and visitors to bike or walk along the route.

The County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project proposes to construct roundabouts at five intersections (5th Street, 3rd Street, 2nd Street, California Street, and Bryant Street). During the design and cost analysis study, it was determined that the use of roundabouts, in lieu of signalized intersections, would meet the capacity needs of County Line Road allowing for the corridor to remain as a two-lane street instead of constructing a four-lane street as previously indicated in both Cities' General Plan. As a result of this decision, each City was able to minimize the impacts to private property owners as well as reduce the project cost by saving approximately \$2.3 million. This critical infrastructure project will support future economic development along the corridor as a result creating long-term economic sustainability for the residents of Yucaipa and Calimesa. "City staff has done an excellent job of partnering with the City of Calimesa, I'm very proud of our team! This infrastructure project will not only provide economic benefits to both Cities as future development take places, but it will also enhance the quality of life for our communities," said Mayor David Avila.

The City of Yucaipa and Calimesa have collaborated on several grant applications to help fund the associated construction cost for this project. As a result of this partnership, the Cities have successfully acquired grant funding from Caltrans' - Active Transportation Program (ATP) in the amount of \$512,000 (Lead Agency - Yucaipa) for street improvements between California Street and 3rd Street; Air Quality Management District - Mobile Source Reduction Committee (MSRC) in the amount of \$380,000 (Lead Agency - Yucaipa) for street improvements between Calimesa Blvd, and 4th Street; and California Transportation Commission, Local Partnership Program (LPP) in the amount of \$3,747,000 (Lead Agency - Calimesa) for the remaining segments of the Project. "This project is an example of what can happen when two cities work together and communicate," said Mayor Davis.

The Cities are excited to announce that a \$8.2 million contract has been awarded for the County Line Road Transportation Corridor Project. It's anticipated that the contractor will begin construction in April of 2022.

For updated information regarding this project, please visit the City of Yucaipa or Calimesa's website or social media pages.