



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** October 23, 2012
From: Brad Miller / Town Engineer **Item No:** 10
Subject: YUCCA LOMA BRIDGE/ YATES ROAD UPDATE
T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file report.

SUMMARY:

At the September 25, 2012 Town Council meeting, Council requested a progress report on the Yucca Loma Bridge/ Yates Road Project. Our efforts over the last year have been to work in close cooperation with the San Bernardino County Department of Transportation to obtain the necessary Public Right of Way to construct the Mojave River Bridge and to widen Yates Road adjacent to the Mojave Narrows Regional Park. The additional land needed is owned by the State of California, but is also under the jurisdiction of the National Parks Service since the original 1968 acquisition of parkland by the State of California included federal funding. The attached Yucca Loma Bridge Town Council Update summarizes our current status as we work through the Federal Parkland Conversion 6(f) process.



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Update/ Summary:

- The Yucca Loma Bridge Plan, Specification and Estimate (PS&E) package for construction bidding is essentially complete, however, advertising for bid has been delayed until the National Parks Service Parkland Conversion 6(f) process is completed. The process is very complex and is taking longer than expected. Unfortunately, the process completion schedule is entirely subject to action by California State Offices, and the timeliness of those actions is impossible to predict. However, our 6(f) Parkland Conversion Proposal was resubmitted on October 11, 2012, and we are hopeful that it will be accepted by the National Parks Service and the Wildlife Conservation Board, and result in a “right-of-entry” permit from the State of California and enable construction to commence in the spring of 2013.
- A final funding agreement between the Town of Apple Valley and SANBAG for Measure I funds to be allocated for the Yucca Loma Bridge has been completed.
- Discussions are ongoing with the California Department of Finance to confirm that the approximately \$16 million in Town RDA Bond proceeds, (always intended to serve as the local match share for Measure I Public Funding on Yucca Loma Bridge Construction), are still available as an approved obligation.
- The Town of Apple Valley and San Bernardino County Department of Transportation Planning are working together to combine the Yucca Loma Bridge and the Yates Road Widening segments into a single construction contract. A Cooperative Agreement to enable the Town of Apple Valley to serve as lead agency for the combined project is being prepared. Like the Yucca Loma Bridge, the Yates Road Widening project is dependent on the Parkland Conversion 6(f) process. Final Design for Yates Road proposes to improve Yates Road to the ultimate width as far west as Park Road, if favorable bids and funding allows.
- The Town of Apple Valley has reviewed RFPs for Construction Management (CM), services for the Yucca Loma Bridge, and Yates Road components, and Town Council awarded the CM contract to Parsons on October 9, 2012. However, the implementation of the contract for CM services is contingent upon the California Department of Finance confirming that construction funding is available.

The Green Tree Blvd. Connection to Hesperia Road:

- Final design for the Green Tree Blvd. and BNSF Railroad bridge will need to begin as soon as possible if the Corridor connection to Hesperia Road is to be completed relatively soon after

completion of the Mojave River Bridge and the Yates Road widening. Victorville is lead agency for the final design of the Green Tree Blvd. component of the Corridor, and is currently working with SANBAG for final design funding.