

Dillon Road Joint Powers Authority

*Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
City of Coachella
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians*

STAFF REPORT

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TO: Dillon Road Joint Powers Authority Chair and Board Members

FROM: Gabor Pakozdi, P.E., City Engineer, City of Coachella

SUBJECT: Application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (“BUILD”) Transportation Discretionary Grants Program for the Dillon Road Bridge over Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Project, Project # 2019-ST-109.

RECOMMENDATION:

Submit an application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 discretionary grant funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program, for the Dillon Road Bridge over Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Project, Project # 2019-ST-109.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Caltrans Structure Maintenance and Investigations (SMI) Unit, responsible for monitoring the condition of bridges in public use in California, has performed numerous bridge inspections and load rating analyses in 2019 and routine bridge inspections in January and February 2020. The latest bridge inspection reports show the existing Dillon Road bridge is classified as a “structurally deficient” and “scour critical bridge” dropping the sufficiency rating (SF) from 26.4 to 16.6. This raises the importance and the eligibility for federal funding to replace the bridge as soon as possible.

In order to be competitive in securing federal funds, staff recommends requesting the BUILD grant under a unified JPA application, rather than filing individual application(s) by member agencies. The demonstration of shared regional necessity and purpose and strong intergovernmental cooperation, unity, and partnership are consistent with the BUILD Grant’s selection criteria.

If directed by the Board, Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians will work with Angenius Engineering Services, Inc. to prepare a BUILD grant application package and submit it on the Grant.gov website. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians and the City of Coachella will be listed as the co-applicant for this FY 2020 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The effort for preparing and submitting the BUILD Grant application will be absorbed in the ongoing work of staff and the JPA's consultant for the bridge project.