



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Ken Stripling

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: VIA PRINCESSA EAST ROADWAY EXTENSION PROJECT —
APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF ASSESSOR’S
PARCEL NUMBERS 2836-014-066 AND 2836-014-067 FOR ROAD
RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TEMPORARY GRADING AND
CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTER: Damon Letz

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of a portion of Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 2836-014-066 and 2836-014-067 to obtain road right-of-way and temporary grading and construction easements for the Via Princessa East Roadway Extension, Project S3026 at a total cost of \$330,000.
2. Approve the transfer of Eastside Canyon Bridge and Thoroughfare funds (Fund 301) in the amount of \$330,000 from Contractual Services expenditure account S3026301-5161.001 to the Land Purchase expenditure account S3026301-5201.004 within the Via Princessa East Roadway Extension Project.
3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all required documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Via Princessa East Roadway Extension project would extend Via Princessa from Sheldon Avenue to Golden Valley Road. The proposed roadway would be approximately 1.2 miles in length and would consist of a six-lane highway with a 14-foot raised landscaped median, a 10-foot sidewalk/parkway on each side, and a 12-foot, two-lane bike path along the south side. The proposed roadway is planned to be designed and constructed in conjunction with an adjacent residential/commercial development. The proposed roadway is a vital component of the circulation element of the City of Santa Clarita’s (City) General Plan and is identified as a

priority in the City's five-year strategic plan, Santa Clarita 2020, and in the Santa Clarita Valley's One Vision One Valley plan.

In 2007, the City received \$11,577,000 in Proposition C grant funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Call for Projects for this project. In October 2015, the City Council approved the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed roadway alignment as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. Currently, this project is in the preliminary design stages and staff is working with the adjacent developer to complete the design of the project and secure the right-of-way acquisitions for the future construction of the project.

The portions of the parcels needed for the proposed extension are owned by Jemstreet Via Princessa, LLC (Jemstreet) (see attached Location Map). Staff contacted Jemstreet and informed them of the City's desire to acquire approximately 2.36 acres of right-of-way and necessary temporary grading and construction easements on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 2836-014-066 and 2836-014-067 (see attached Legal Description and Map). Jemstreet reviewed the City's request and provided a letter of intent to sell the portions of the above noted parcels. The City and Jemstreet have reached a mutually acceptable purchase price based upon an independent property appraisal. The acquisition of these properties will contribute to the City's on-going efforts to complete the Via Princessa extension. This project will provide a necessary east-west connection that will improve overall traffic conditions for the Santa Clarita Valley.

Funds for this project were appropriated as part of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget. The requested transfer of funds in the amount of \$330,000 will provide for the purchase of each portion of the parcels that are needed for right-of-way and temporary grading and construction easements, escrow and title fees, and engineering and miscellaneous acquisition process expenses.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

Other action as determined by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon approval of the recommended action, adequate funds will be available in the Land Purchase expenditure account S3026301-5201.004 Eastside Canyon Bridge and Thoroughfare Fund (Fund 301).

ATTACHMENTS

Location Map

Legal Description and Map