

Request: To provide funding for the \$45.3 million dollar unfunded construction phase of the Pioneer Road Widening Project.

Description: The Pioneer Road Widening Project is a proposed 6.5 mile long street improvement. Upon completion, Pioneer Road will be a 4-lane arterial with all required city infrastructure, including a 10 foot bike/pedestrian path. This project will provide connectivity around the existing east-west corridor of State Route 152.

The City of Los Banos is seeking support based on the following reasons:

1. An alternative east-west corridor is required since the existing State Route 152 operates at a level of service F during main commute hours.
2. The current State Route 152 has had a bad safety record due to the amount of traffic accidents which occur on this corridor.
3. State Route 152 has 14 traffic signals to navigate, resulting in increased emissions and contributing to poor air quality.
4. The existing poor air quality along State Route 152 increases health risks of the citizens of Los Banos, including the users of the two elementary schools and one major park along this route.
5. Currently, County Measure V Regional Funding in the amount of \$8.65 million has been allocated for the 100% funding of the Project Study Report, Environmental, Design, and Right-of-way Acquisition phases of the Pioneer Road Widening Project.
6. The proposed project will provide a more efficient, less time delayed, east-west goods movement corridor through the City of Los Banos.
7. The City of Los Banos has completed the Pioneer Road Specific Plan. This Caltrans funded Planning Grant Study defined the improvements of Pioneer Road to its ultimate 4-lane arterial standard.
8. The City has completed the Project Study Report (PSR) for the Pioneer Road Widening Project and will be progressing towards the environmental phase of the project.

Necessity: The one existing east-west route through the City of Los Banos is State Route 152. This route frequently operates at level of service F due to the large amount of traffic and the existing 14 traffic signals. By building the Pioneer Road Widening Project, an alternative east-west route through the City of Los Banos will be established. This additional route will increase the quality of life in the City, as well as provide a more efficient way to travel east-west.

Beneficiaries:

- Residents of Los Banos
- Transporters of east-west goods
- Los Banos environment
- Visitors and pass by commuters
- State-wide economy due to better goods movement



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