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Prepared By: Lou Balderrama

Agenda Item No. I-7

Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature]

City Attorney [Signature]

Finance [Signature]

Public Works [Signature]

DATE: June 30, 2008

TO: City Council

FROM: Lou Balderrama, City Engineer
Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Victoria Avenue Conveyance

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement No. A7059 between the City of Oxnard and the County of Ventura, establishing the terms for the conveyance of Victoria Avenue from Teal Club Road to the City's corporate limits just south of the Santa Clara River crossing.
2. Approve a special budget appropriation in the amount of \$450,000 from Traffic Signals at Various Locations Project No. 003104 and Housing In-Lieu Funds to the Villa Victoria Signal and Drain Project No. 083106.

DISCUSSION

On January 23, 2006, City Council authorized staff to send a request to the County of Ventura to consider conveyance of the right-of-way of Victoria Avenue from Teal Club Road to just south of the Santa Clara River crossing, a small section of Teal Club Road and a section on Gonzales Road approximately 400 feet west of Victoria Avenue. The limits are shown in Attachment No. 1. This section of Victoria Avenue borders the City's corporate limits on the west; however, the street right-of-way is in the jurisdiction of the County of Ventura.

Staff presented to the County Board of Supervisors a plan to facilitate safe traffic movement in and out of the new development of Villa Victoria by installing a half signal light at the entrance to allow a left hand turn back into Oxnard. The County Board denied the request citing added maintenance cost and potential liability. The action prompted City staff to look at other options that would allow the City to control the traffic circulation in and out of a City approved development. Based on discussions between City and County staff, it was determined that it would be beneficial to both parties to have this specified segment of Victoria Avenue under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Oxnard.

Options for Jurisdictional Control of Victoria Avenue

There are two options to acquire jurisdictional control, annexation and conveyance. The Ventura County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) believes that the proposed conveyance would

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be allowed, in accordance with Government Code section 25365, without any involvement or action by LAFCO (Attachment No. 2). Currently, annexation is not possible because the City's Sphere of Influence runs on the east side of Victoria Avenue. Annexation of a portion of Victoria Avenue, from Gonzales to the north, could eventually be accomplished once the sphere is revised by LAFCO. On January 9, 2008, the proposed conveyance was presented to the Transportation Policy Committee and the recommendation was to bring the item to the City Council for its consideration.

This action will add approximately 2 miles of paved street, 2 lanes in each direction with paved shoulders and unimproved medians. The annual maintenance costs for the street and medians are estimated at \$80,000. The City's Streets Operation Program will include this segment of street into its inventory of streets to be maintained. The City of Oxnard currently provides maintenance for the traffic signals and drainage facilities along Victoria Avenue. Victoria Avenue was recently improved and is in excellent condition.

Attachment No. 3 is the Agreement between the City of Oxnard and the County of Ventura establishing the terms for the conveyance of Victoria Avenue from Teal Club Road to the City's corporate limits just south of the Santa Clara River crossing. The Agreement specifies that County will convey street right-of-way and drainage easements at no cost to the City, process and file all necessary documents for approval by the County Board of Supervisors and upon acceptance from the City, record the deeds of conveyance. The acceptance of right-of-way deeds will be presented to City Council for approval at a future date.

Proposed Improvements Related to Villa Victoria

The proposed Agreement allowing conveyance (Council action No.1) along with the special budget appropriation (Council action No. 2) will allow the City to proceed with the design and subsequent construction improvements fronting the Villa Victoria development that staff has determined are in the best interest of the City. The proposed improvements in order of priority are as follows:

1. Installation of half-Signal at the entrance to Villa Victoria to allow a safe left turn to southbound Victoria Avenue. Phase I
2. Tree trimming along the east side adjacent to the new golf course (Parks).
3. Construction of a sidewalk and walkway on the east side of Victoria Avenue from Gonzales Road to Villa Victoria.
4. Storm drain improvements on the east side of Victoria Avenue from Gonzales Road to Villa Victoria.
5. Installation of a fence along Victoria Avenue to allow for safer pedestrian access.

The estimated cost for these improvements is \$980,000. The improvements will be phased, based upon available funding and priority. Traffic Signals at Various Locations Project No. 003104 will provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the installation of a traffic signal at the entrance to the development, herein designated as Phase I. The estimated cost of Phase I is \$200,000. The Housing Department has appropriated \$350,000 for the traffic signal and proposed improvements. The funding for the storm drain improvements will be requested through the CIP process, utilizing storm drain funds as the phasing and timing is determined to best meet the needs.

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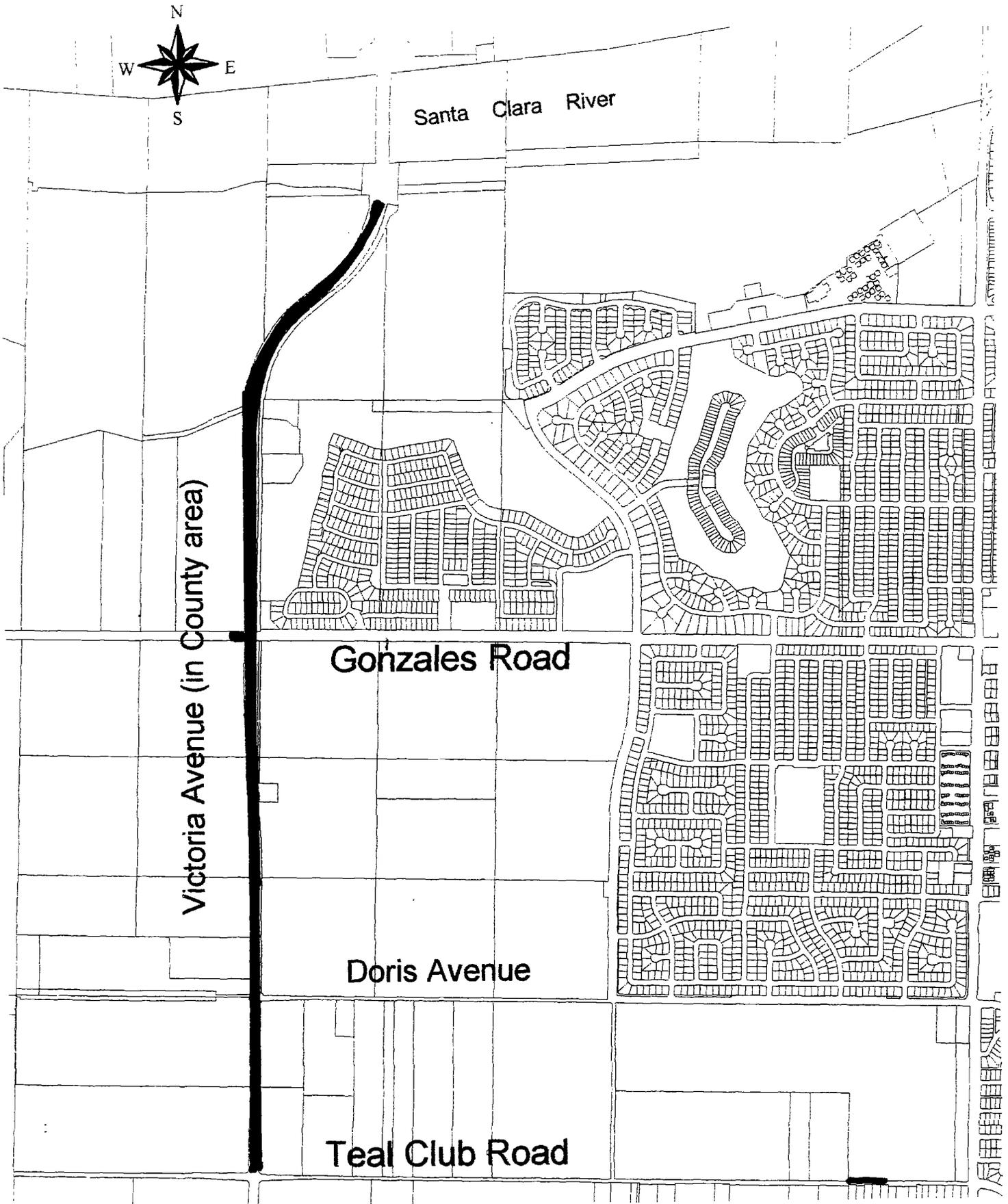
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for Phase I of traffic signal installation is \$200,000. There are sufficient funds to proceed with Phase I of this multi-phase project. Staff recommends a special budget appropriation to transfer \$100,000 from the Traffic Signals at Various Locations Project No. 003104 Account No. 354-9740-826-8208 and \$350,000 from the balance of Fund 371 "Housing-In-Lieu Fees" to the Villa Victoria Signal and Drain Project No. 083106 Account No. 354-3028-826-8604 (Attachment No. 4).

- Attachment #1 - Location map
- #2 - LAFCO Letter
- #3 - Agreement No. A-7059
- #4 - Special Budget Appropriation

Note: Attachment #3 has been provided to City Council under separate cover. Written materials relating to an item on this agenda that are distributed to the City Council and Housing Authority within 72 hours before the item is to be considered at its regularly scheduled meeting will be made available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office located at 305 West Third Street after 8:00 a.m. on Monday and at the Library located at 251 South A Street after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Victoria Avenue Conveyance Location Map





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February 15, 2007

Ken Ortega, Director of Public Works
City of Oxnard
305 West 3rd Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

RE: VICTORIA AVENUE AND TEAL CLUB ROAD CONVEYANCES

Ken
Dear Mr. Ortega:

This letter is to supplement the December 21, 2006 letter you received from Butch Britt, Ventura County Transportation Department Director, and recent actions taken by the City about the above-noted topic. As you are aware, the Victoria Avenue, Teal Club Road and Victoria Drain rights-of-way that are to be a part of the conveyances, are outside the City of Oxnard's boundary, outside the City's sphere of influence and outside the voter established City Urban Restriction Boundary (CURB). As such, the proposed conveyances would occur in unincorporated territory and would be pursuant to Government Code Section 25365, without any involvement or action by LAFCO.

The control of streets, highways and drainage channels, including maintenance and liability obligations, is one the main services provided by counties and cities. Whenever and wherever possible LAFCO encourages that all areas served by a local government, including streets, highways, and drainage channels, be within the boundaries of the agency responsible for providing the service. Thus, while LAFCO has no involvement relating to the possible conveyances of the Victoria Avenue, Victoria Drain, and Teal Club rights-of-way under Government Code Section 25365, to the extent that the conveyances are completed we will be requiring the City of Oxnard to annex all portions of the rights-of-way that are contiguous to existing City boundaries and that are within the City's sphere of influence.

The reason that the section of Victoria Avenue and Victoria Drain between Gonzales Road and the Santa Clara River was not annexed in 2000 as a part the Northwest Golf Course Reorganization (LAFCO 99-27) was because the City's current sphere of influence is along the easterly side of the right-of-way and the area is also outside the City's CURB. Given the possibility of the pending conveyances of this right-of-way, however, LAFCO will be considering updating the City's sphere of influence in this area to move the sphere from the easterly side of the right-of-way to the westerly side. Once this is complete, and again assuming the conveyances of right-of-way are completed, LAFCO will be requiring the City to annex this portion of Victoria Avenue and the

Ken Ortega, Director of Public Works, City of Oxnard
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Victoria Drain, including the full operational area of the Gonzales Road/Victoria Avenue intersection, as a part of any subsequent annexation proposal anywhere in the City.

The section of Teal Club Road that is not now in the City is already in the City's sphere of influence. Annexation of this section of Teal Club Road should occur in conjunction with the annexation of contiguous private property on either side of the right-of-way.

The annexation of the section of Victoria Avenue between Teal Club Road and Gonzales Road will not be possible in the foreseeable future. However, this fact should not alter the planned conveyance of this section of right-of-way. This section of the Victoria Avenue of right-of-way is now and will remain outside the City's sphere of influence, is outside the City's CURB and bisects a Greenbelt. These factors, plus the lack of contiguity to existing City boundaries, all make annexation impossible probably at least until 2020, if not beyond. Should any of this section of right-of-way that may be conveyed to the City by the County become eligible for annexation, LAFCO will encourage the City to annex areas as feasible.

Again, the purpose of this letter is only to share what LAFCO can and will be considering once any of the conveyances noted occur, including some of the future limitations to annexation that affect both the City and LAFCO.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this letter.

Sincerely,



Everett Millais
Executive Officer

cc: John F. Johnston, County Executive Officer
Ron Coons, Director Public Works Agency, Ventura County
Jeff Pratt, Director, Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Wm. Butch Britt, Director Transportation Department, Ventura County
Matthew Winegar, Development Services Director, City of Oxnard

CITY OF OXNARD

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION

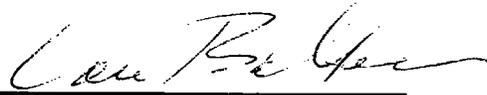
To the City Manager:

July 15, 2008

Request is hereby made for an appropriation of total \$ 450,000

Reason for appropriation: Installation of half-signal at the entrance to Villa Victoria for southbound turn on Victoria Avenue. Construction of sidewalk, walkway, curb, fencing and storm drain improvements.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Circulation System Improvement Fees (354)	Traffic Signals Various Locations	
	354-9740- (003104)	
	826-8208 - Services - Construction	(100,000)
	Villa Victoria Signal and Drain Project	
	354-3028- (083106)	
	826-8604 - Improvements Not Bldg- New	100,000
	Net Estimated Change to Circulation System Improv. Fund Balance	<u><u>-0-</u></u>
Housing In-Lieu Fee (371)	Villa Victoria Signal and Drain Project	
	354-3028- (083106)	
	826-8604 - Improvements Not Bldg- New	350,000
	Net Estimated Change to Housing In-Lieu Fee Fund Balance	<u><u>(350,000)</u></u>



Manager

REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Disposition	Approved _____
Transfer by Journal Voucher _____	Rejected _____
	_____ City Manager

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