



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL  NPUA

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**Meeting Date:** February 25, 2020

**Title:** Funding Request for Needles Highway Improvement Project .7 Miles of Proposed Critical Safety Section on Needles Hwy Commencing 800 feet north of Palm Lane to .5 Miles south of Rocker Bluff Road Park Rd

**Background:** The Needles Highway Improvement Project Segment "1A" comprises of 600 feet north of Balboa Place to 500 feet south of Park Road. The remaining 2.6 miles the City has been identified as Needles Highway Improvement Project Segment "1B". Last year the City applied for the 2019 Build Transportation Grant and the project was not considered. The City will resubmit for the 2020 Build Transportation Grant later this year.

In September of 2017, Needles Hwy Segment "N" was completed. The City of Needles went on record writing to San Bernardino County Director of Public Works Kevin Blakeslee, stating the work that was completed for Segment "N" was unsatisfactory and was not completed to the city's standard. When driving the project segment material had been seen bleeding from the bottom up causing the stripping to completely disappear. Also, the cracks that were supposed to be filled as part of the project are also showing.

Earlier this month Needles Hwy Segment "1A" was completed and is currently going through the final inspections by the County. In addition, the City has identified .7 miles of Proposed Critical Safety Section that is need of immediate attention. The highway is not safe for motorists and a grind and repave treatment needs to be laid down immediately.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works has identified that there is approximately \$1,288,201 in remaining Federal Funds in the Parent Account for the Needles Highway Improvement Project. The City is requesting to utilize those funds to fund the corrections to Segment "N" and a grind and repave treatment to the Proposed Critical Safety Section



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**Fiscal Impact:** \$1,288,201 in remaining Federal Funds in the Parent Account for the Needles Highway Improvement Project

**Environmental Impact:** CEQA document was completed March of 2014

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter for Funding Request for Needles Highway Improvement Project .7 Miles of Proposed Critical Safety Section from 800 feet north of Palm Lane to .5 Miles south of Rocker Bluff Road Park Rd

**Submitted By:** Patrick Martinez, Director of Development Services

**City Management Review:** Rick **Date:** 2/20/20

Approved:

Not Approved:

Tabled:

Other:

Agenda Item: 15



# City of Needles

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February 25, 2020

Honorable Robert Lovingood  
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors  
County of San Bernardino  
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-01110

Re: Request Funding for .07 miles of Needles Highway from Remaining Federal Funds

Dear Honorable Supervisor,

Needles Highway has been an important route along the west bank of the Colorado River between the City of Needles and Nevada for over 130 years. The roadway had been included in the County-maintained road system in 1930 and had been maintained as gravel until 1972 when a road mix surfacing (oil-treated gravel) was laid down. In 2002 the County began the effort of preliminary design and environmental clearance for Needles Highway in 2002. Since then, the County of San Bernardino in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, the City of Needles, and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have worked on the improvements to Needles Highway beginning at "N" Street in the City of Needles, continuing northerly to the California/Nevada state line.

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Earlier this month Needles Hwy Segment "1A" was completed and is currently going through the final inspections by the San Bernardino County Director of Public Works. In addition, the City has identified .7 miles of Proposed Critical Safety Section that is need of immediate attention. The highway is not safe for motorists and a grind and repave treatment needs to be laid down immediately. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works has identified that there is approximately \$1,288,201 in remaining Federal Funds in the Parent Account for the Needles Highway Improvement Project. The City is requesting to utilize a small portion (\$200,000) of those funds dedicated to Needles Highway to fund the corrections to Segment "N" and a grind and repave treatment to the Proposed .07 miles of Critical Safety Section identified in the attached Exhibit "A".

For these reasons, the City of Needles requests your assistance in allocating some of the remaining Federal Funds to the final segment for immediate repairs.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Jeff Williams, City of Needles

Cc. California State Senator Shannon Grove  
Cc. California State Assemblyman Jay Obernolte  
Cc. County Public Works Director

Attachment: Exhibit A – Critical Safety Section

# EXHIBIT A

## NEEDLES HWY PROJECT NEEDLES CALIFORNIA



### PROPOSED CRITICAL SAFETY SECTION

800 FEET NORTH OF PALMS LANE TO  
1/2 MILE SOUTH OF ROCKERS BLUFF ROAD

3.696 LF

### SEGMENT "1A"

COMPLETED

Type: Rehabilitating and Re-profiling from 600 feet North of Balboa Place to 500 feet South of Park Road.

### SEGMENT "N"

COMPLETED

Type: Asphalt-rubber binder seal coat on Needles Hwy from N Street to 600 feet North of Balboa Place.

