The County of Yuba

Community Development and Services Agency

TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Community Development and Services Agency, Samuel Bunton
SUBJECT:	Community Development and Services: Approve plans, specifications, and estimate, and authorize the advertisement for bids for the Loma Rica Road and South Beale Road State of Good Repair Project
DATE:	March 25th, 2025
NUMBER:	113/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the plans, specifications, and estimate, and authorize the advertisement for bids for the Loma Rica Road and South Beale Road State of Good Repair Project.

BACKGROUND:

Loma Rica Road, which runs between SR20 and Marysville Road, is the primary ingress/egress route to the communities of Loma Rica and Iowa City. The importance of Loma Rica Road as an emergency ingress/egress route cannot be overstated. During the 2017 Cascade Fire that killed four people, destroyed 142 homes, and burned 10,000 acres, Loma Rica Road was the only evacuation route out of Loma Rica and the only means of access for emergency vehicles. Extreme heat, emergency vehicles, heavy equipment, and months of heavy trucks removing debris from the fire inflicted heavy damage to the road. Most of the damage to Loma Rica Road occurred between SR20 and Fruitland Road. The County proposes to bring Loma Rica Road back to standards.

South Beale Road is the primary entrance to Beale Air Force Base (AFB) for truck traffic. After the 2018 Camp Fire and 2017 Cascade Fire, cleanup crews transported thousands of tons of debris from the fire areas down SR65 and over South Beale Road to the Recology Yuba-Sutter landfill. Literally hundreds of semi-trailer trucks per day travelled over South Beale Road, badly damaging the pavement, resulting in a current Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 50. South Beale Road is also an important transportation route for goods, as it connects tens of thousands of acres of farmland to the State Highway system.

Due to the importance of Loma Rica Road as the only means of ingress and egress from the community of Loma Rica coupled with the extensive damage inflicted as the result of the Cascade Fire, Yuba County has made this portion of the proposed project a high priority. The neighboring community of Paradise similarly had only one road serving as ingress/egress during the Camp Fire; that fire was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California's history. Yuba County feels that this State of Good Repair project is also a high priority Safety Project due to the high fire hazard in this area. Similarly, the importance of South Beale Road as the primary entrance to Beale AFB and as a critical transportation route for farm produce makes it an equally high priority for the County.

Funds have been secured through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Maintenance and Modernization Regional Grant Program. The project limits are in unincorporated Yuba County, on Loma Rica Road between SR-20 and Fruitland Road and South Beale Road between SR65 and Beale AFB Gate.

DISCUSSION:

The work in general will consist of pavement repairs, overlay, and striping of the existing roadways. SACOG has allocated $4,678,650.00 of federal RSTP funds to this project.

The engineer's estimate for construction is approximately $5,502,859.65. The project is anticipated to be completed by February of 2026.

Plans, specifications, and estimates are available for review, upon request, at Public Works, 915 8th St., Suite 125, Marysville, CA 95901.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Land Use and Public Works Committee was bypassed as this project is included within the approved Public Works Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

General Fund:	$0	
Non-General Fund:	$4,678,650.00	
Source of Funds:	$4,678,650.00	Federal RSTP Funds
	$824,209.65	RMRA (SB-1) Funds

ATTACHMENTS:

None.