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TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER
FROM: ROBERT A. LATA, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 
SUBJECT: MEASURE D FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR CUESTA COLLEGE
DATE: APRIL 6, 1999

Needs: For the City Council to consider a project priority list for Measure D funded infrastructure in support of Cuesta College.

- Facts:
1. The 1998 Measure D funding approval contained \$1.5 Million for Cuesta College related infrastructure.
 2. A subcommittee, representing the City Council (Councilmen Macklin and Mecham) and Cuesta College (Board Member Dee Lacey, Mike Hargett, and North County Campus Dean Sandee McLaughlin) is recommending a project priority list for consideration by the City Council and Cuesta College Board.
 3. The recommended project priority list places a priority on traffic safety and access to Cuesta College Campus. The proposed list is attached and labeled Exhibit "A".
 4. The Cuesta College Board will also be considering this project priority list early in April 1999.

Analysis
and

Conclusion: The attached subcommittee recommendation is based on consideration of the following factors:

- Improved traffic safety at the intersection of Highway 46 East and Buena Vista Drive will be of substantial benefit to development of the North County Campus;
- The need for traffic signalization at this intersection was identified in the Borkey Area Specific Plan. Development of the North County Campus of Cuesta College will accelerate the need for installation of the traffic signal;
- In addition to serving the Cuesta College Campus, traffic signalization at the Buena Vista / 46 East intersection will also provide increased safety to access the planned Kermit King Elementary School;

- Early construction of Dallons Drive, connecting Buena Vista Drive with Golden Hill Road, will provide improved public access to proposed play fields on the eastern end of the Campus;
- Using Measure D funds for the described infrastructure, which would otherwise need to be paid for by Cuesta College, will allow Cuesta College to focus its financial resources on construction of campus buildings and facilities.

As reflected in the project priority list, the Measure D funds for the traffic signal at Buena Vista and Highway 46 East would be supplemented by \$125,200 in fees from the Borkey Area Specific Plan (thus reducing the impact on Measure D funding). If other funding for these projects becomes available (e.g. special allocations by the State of California), the Measure D commitments would be proportionately reduced.

City Council and Cuesta Board approvals are being sought at this time so that the process of planning for these improvements can begin as soon as possible. It is anticipated that funding for the two top priority projects would occur through the first Measure D bond issue. Construction would be programmed to be completed by Fall of 2000.

Once firm bids are received for the cost of construction of the first two projects on the list (traffic signalization/widening, Dallons Drive), and it is clear how much of the Measure D funds remain available, then additional proposals will be presented for funding the remaining Measure D Cuesta College infrastructure projects.

Policy

Reference: Environmental Impact Reports for Borkey Area Specific Plan, Cuesta College

Fiscal

Impact: The first two recommended funding priorities would consume approximately \$1.3 Million of the \$1.5 Million in Measure D funding for Cuesta College infrastructure.

Options:

- A. That the City Council agree with the recommendation of the subcommittee and, subject to concurrence from the Cuesta College Board, authorize staff to proceed with steps necessary to prepare plans, specifications, and documents needed for implementing the first two projects on the attached priority list (signalization and street widening at the intersection of Buena Vista Drive and Highway 46 East, and the construction of Dallons Drive from Buena Vista Drive to Golden Hill Road).
- B. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachment: Resolution, Exhibit A establishing Measure D Project Priorities for Cuesta College

RESOLUTION No. 99-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR USE OF
MEASURE D FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF
THE NORTH COUNTY CAMPUS OF CUESTA COLLEGE

WHEREAS, The 1998 Measure D funding approval contained \$1.5 Million for Cuesta College related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, A subcommittee, representing the City Council (Councilmen Macklin and Mecham) and Cuesta College (Board Member Dee Lacey, Mike Hargett, and North County Campus Dean Sandee McLaughlin) is recommending a project priority list for consideration by the City Council and Cuesta College Board; and

WHEREAS, The recommended project priority list places a priority on traffic safety and access to Cuesta College Campus. The proposed list is attached and labeled Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Using Measure D funds for the described infrastructure, which would otherwise need to be paid for by Cuesta College, will allow Cuesta College to focus its financial resources on construction of campus buildings and facilities .

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: subject to concurrence from the Cuesta College Board, staff is authorized to proceed with steps necessary to prepare plans, specifications, and documents needed for implementing the first two projects on the attached priority list (signalization and street widening at the intersection of Buena Vista Drive and Highway 46 East, and the construction of Dallons Drive from Buena Vista Drive to Golden Hill Road).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles, this 6th day of April, 1999, on the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Madelyn Paasch, City Clerk

Cuesta College Measure "D" Funding Priorities

Exhibit "A"

Purpose:

To identify a priority list for infrastructure improvements that could be funded through the City of Paso Robles via the financing approved by the voters of Paso Robles in June 1998. The timing for funding these project is subject to agreement between Cuesta Community College and the City of Paso Robles, and the availability of funds from the City's sale of bonds.

Project Priorities:

Cuesta Infrastructure Projects, in priority order, as recommended by a subcommittee representing Cuesta College and the City of Paso Robles:

1. Signalization of the intersection of Buena Vista Drive and Highway 46 East, combined with the widening of Buena Vista Drive northward from Highway 46 East to Experimental Station Road. The street widening would be to the Borkey Area Specific Plan 100 foot right-of-way illustrated on Figure 17 of the adopted Specific Plan. The cost estimate is based on a voluntary dedication of the necessary right-of-way in exchange for the City installing frontage improvements, including needed modifications to drainage facilities. The estimated cost of construction (assuming that there are no private developments installing portions of Buena Vista Drive) would be \$820,500 (including both design and construction). Because the Borkey Area Specific Plan had already allocated \$125,200 toward this project, the net funding needed from Measure D would be approximately \$695,300.
2. Construction of Dallons Drive, from Golden Hill Road to Buena Vista Drive. Through the Cuesta College Campus and the adjacent large-lot residential development located southeast of the campus (Tract 2005), the road section would be constructed consistent with the Borkey Area Specific Plan (the 84 foot right-of-way Rural Standard Collector illustrated in Figure 18 of the adopted Specific Plan). For industrially zoned properties east of the Cuesta College Campus, the road configuration shall be the 84 foot right-of-way Urban Standard Collector illustrated in Figure 18 of the adopted Specific Plan); for the areas east of Cuesta College the project would consist of two lanes of pavement, with frontage improvement deferred until development of adjacent property. The City would seek reimbursement for proportionate shares of the cost of street improvements from private developers at the time of development of private property along the alignment of Dallons Drive. The estimated cost of construction (assuming that there are no private developments installing portions of Dallons Drive) would be \$580,000 (including both design and construction).

Subtotal: \$1,275,000 of the total available \$1,500,000 in Measure D Funds

Based on the foregoing projects having priority, there would be about \$225,000 left to undertake following projects from Measure D resources. It is proposed to wait until the completion of the higher priority projects (to determine if there are any cost savings) before establishing further plans for Measure D expenditures. The following are additional projects that would be considered when funding is available:

3. Buena Vista Drive street frontage improvements for the two (2) Cuesta College properties (the original campus site plus the property donated by the Hansen Farming Trust). Improvements would include widening and improvements consistent with half of the arterial street illustrated in Figure 17 of the Borkey Area Specific Plan, with the inclusion of a northward extension of the Parkway Median required in conjunction with construction of Tract 1895. Undergrounding of overhead electric lines and installation of Caltrans standard street lighting are included, as are the extension of sewer and water service lines to the property donated by the Hansen Farming Trust. The estimated cost of construction:

- a. Current Cuesta College frontage: \$471,400
- b. Hansen Farming Trust frontage: \$352,250

4. Development of playing fields (soccer and softball) for both Cuesta College and community use, at a location to be established through the Cuesta College Master Plan. The estimated cost of construction would be \$200,000 (including both design and construction).

Note: The above project priorities list does not include installation of a street light at the intersection of Highway 46 East and Buena Vista Drive because that project is being pursued as a higher priority, separately from the Measure D priority list.

