

TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM:

Edward N. Domingue, Director of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Federal Right-of-Way Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council adopt Resolution No. 2011-52 authorizing the Director of Engineering Services or his designee, to execute on behalf of the City Council, all federal right-of-way certifications required to be filed as a prerequisite to any and all City projects where the Federal Highway Administration is a participant.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Designation of the Director of Engineering Services as the authorized person to execute right-of-way certifications will enable the City to fulfill the federal requirements for right-of-way certification. This allows the City to be reimbursed for local funds used for qualified Federal funded projects.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

Council approved Resolution 1981-311 authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute on behalf of the City Council all federal right-of-way certifications to be filed as a prerequisite to any and all City projects where the Federal Highway Administration is a participant.

BACKGROUND:

In 1981 the City Council approved Resolution 1981-311 authorizing the Public Works Director to execute federal right-of-way certifications. This authorization needs to be updated to identify the Director of Engineering Services as the authorized person instead of the Public Works Director. This change in authorization more accurately reflects the current organizational structure in the City of Escondido and meets the current requirements as set forth in the Federal Highway Program Manual.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward N. Domingue, P.E.

Director of Engineering Services

Deputy Director of Engineering Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, ALL FEDERAL RIGHT-OF-WAY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BE FILED AS A PREREQUISITE TO ANY AND ALL CITY PROJECTS WHERE THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IS A PARTICIPANT

WHEREAS, whenever the City undertakes a street improvement project wherein the Federal Highway Administration is a participant, the City is required to file a right-of-way certification in the format set out in the Federal Highway Program Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Program Manual holds no objection to a public agency conferring "blanket authority" to any appropriate official of the City to execute those right-of-Way certifications under the agency's sponsorship; and

WHEREAS, in past projects the City Council has designated the Director of Public Works as the appropriate official of the City to execute those right-of-way certifications; and

WHEREAS, this City Council considers it appropriate to now give blanket authorization to the Director of Engineering Services or his designee for execution of right-of-way certifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.

2. That the City Council authorizes the Director of Engineering Services or his designee to execute, on behalf of the City, all federal right-of-way certifications.