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County plans additional \$44 million investment in Gilman Springs Road Safety Improvement Corridor Project

The Riverside County Transportation Department provided updates to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday about the progress of the Gilman Springs Road Safety Improvement Corridor Project, including the County's plans to invest an additional \$44 million for three more phases of improvements.

To date, the County has completed approximately \$18 million in improvements during the first five phases of the project, the last of which was completed in November 2019. To read more about each phase of the Gilman Springs Road Safety Improvement Corridor, view the Board presentation.

"We are excited about the upcoming phases of this project funded by highway safety program grants, and they are long overdue for our motoring public," said Mark Lancaster, director of the Department of Transportation.

The County is currently working on Phase 6 and will begin Phase 7 shortly, which will provide a 4-foot-wide painted median and 5-foot-wide paved outside shoulders between highways 60 and 79. Phase 8 has also begun which will replace the existing bridge at Potrero Creek and realign curves on Gilman Springs Road in the vicinity of the bridge.

Gilman Springs Road is a vital commuter route that connects Western Riverside County and the cities of San Jacinto and Hemet. It is the main route to the Soboba Casino Resort, Mount San Jacinto College, and Golden Era Productions, attracting visitors to the region.

In addition, the County applied for Office of Traffic Safety grants for additional enforcement by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and educational safety campaigns throughout the corridor. The County's Transportation Department has also collaborated with the CHP and developed strategies for additional safety improvements to be incorporated into the project.

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