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Adobe Road Rehabilitation Project to get under way

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TWENTYNINE PALMS — Motorists traveling to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center could face construction delays as early as January when the city begins its \$4.2 million Adobe Road Rehabilitation Project.

The City Council, acting in its capacity as the city's Redevelopment Agency board, voted unanimously during a special meeting Tuesday, Dec. 15 to award the rehabilitation project to Matich Corp. of San Bernardino. Adobe Road from Amboy Road to the Combat Center's main gate will be repaved. New curbs and gutters will be installed and a bike path will be built on the west side of the thoroughfare.

"I'm just happy that this is going to be going on," Councilman Joel Klink said.

The project will be covered by a \$4.6 million grant from the Department of the Navy. City Engineer Richard Pedersen said the construction could begin as early as January.

Moving swiftly through agenda items, the council also voted 4-0, with Mayor Steve Flock abstaining, to award \$20,150 to the Twentynine Palms Artists' Guild for external repairs to its building at 74055 Cottonwood Drive, which houses the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery and its gift shop.

City staff said the artists' guild has already made roughly \$7,000 worth of improvements to the building, not including volunteer time and effort.

Guild Vice President Audrey Gillick addressed the council during the meeting, saying, "We feel we are a very positive influence and addition to our community."

Councilman Steve Spear spoke in favor of the project, giving kudos to Gillick and her team.

"I will be proud to cast my vote in favor of this. This is a wonderful project ... run by two of the most wonderful people out of Twentynine Palms that I've ever met," Spear noted.

The council also received an update on the Historic Plaza Restoration Project and agreed to transfer contractual rights from the City Council to the Redevelopment Agency, and voted unanimously to continue working with P.E. Consulting on the city's solar project.

Comments? Questions?

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