

## COUNTY STAFF SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Basically, unless the project addresses the substandard alignment, federal funds cannot be used. Therefore, the issue is not so much one of design costs as it is net cost to the County. That calculation looks like this:

County proposal                      net County cost \$0.2 million. The high reimbursement ratio allows us to do these kinds of projects that otherwise we wouldn't do. This is a result in part of national and state policy decisions as to assigned priorities for various initiatives.

Neighbor alternative                net County cost \$7.8 million. Realistically in this case we would drop the project.

Drop the project alternative        net County cost \$1 million.

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