



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-14

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: May 18, 2010  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Director, Department of Public Works, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director Transportation, Department of Public Works, 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Construction of the Santa Maria Mesa Road at Foxen Canyon Road Intersection  
Realignment Project, Fifth Supervisorial District; Federal Project No. HSIPL-5951  
(122); County Project No. 862265

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

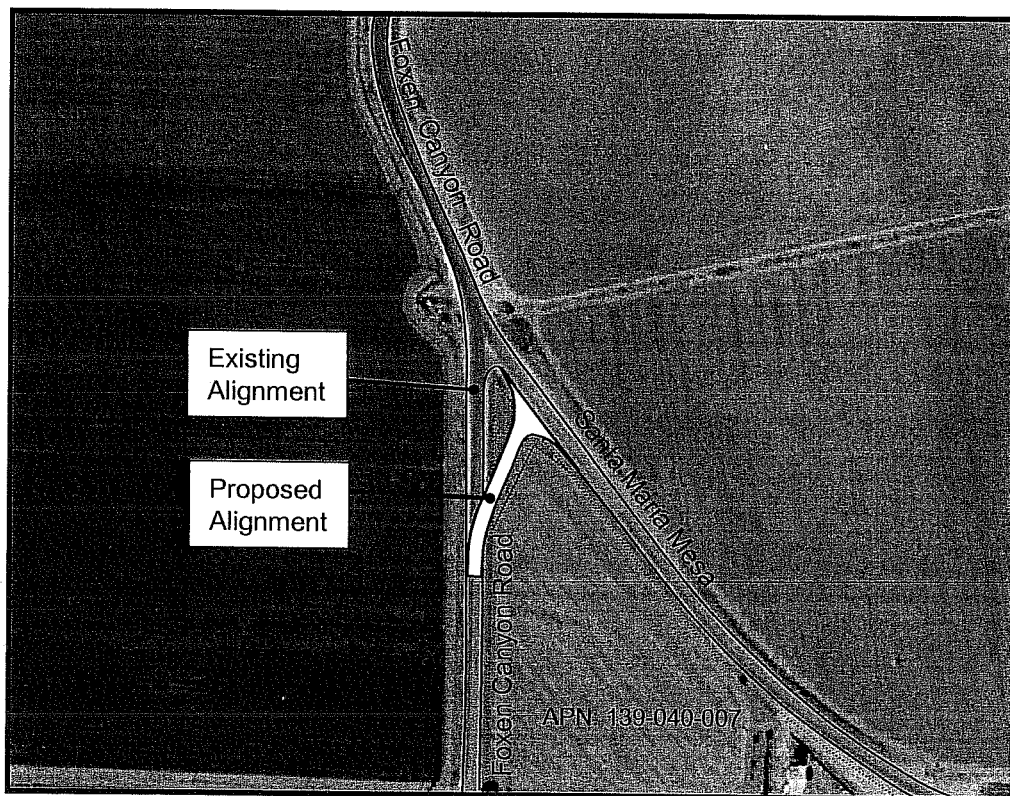
That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for construction of the Santa Maria Mesa Road at Foxen Canyon Road Intersection Realignment Project, Fifth Supervisorial District; County Project No. 862265;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for construction of the Santa Maria Mesa Road at Foxen Canyon Road Intersection Realignment Project, Fifth Supervisorial District; County Project No. 862265; and
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for construction of the Santa Maria Mesa Road at Foxen Canyon Road Intersection Realignment Project, Fifth Supervisorial District; County Project No. 862265.

**Summary Text:**

This project will reconfigure the south leg of Foxen Canyon Road at its intersection with Santa Maria Mesa Road to increase the angle from a 45 degree skewed intersection closer to a 90 degree "T"

intersection (see schematic). Yield control on Santa Maria Mesa Road will be replaced with stop control on the south leg of Foxen Canyon Road. Advance intersection warning signs with street names will be installed on Santa Maria Mesa Road and the north leg of Foxen Canyon Road.



*Schematic of proposed intersection improvements*

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the Department of Public Works has determined that this project is exempt from further environmental review. Approval of this CEQA Notice of Exemption will indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

Approval by the Board of Supervisors will allow the Public Works Department to proceed with right-of-way negotiations on the following parcel: APN 139-040-007. The project will require permanent easement acquisition for the intersection improvements.

The "Notice to Contractors" will be published prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the front counter, Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101, and at the North County Public Works Office, 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, California 93455, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

#### **Background:**

The intersection of Santa Maria Mesa Road with Foxen Canyon Road has a history of accidents in which vehicles traveling northbound on Foxen Canyon Road drive off the eastern shoulder as the road curves to the west. Based on this history, Public Works applied for and received funding under the

Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). This competitive grant program awards project that identify a specific safety problem that can be corrected or improved substantially.

Realignment of this intersection will require acquisition of an easement over the property at APN 139-040-007 to allow for a roadway geometry that conforms better to highway design guidelines and requirements for intersection design based on approach speed, sight distance, and stopping distance.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

Total right-of-way costs will be determined based on appraisal, review, contract negotiations, and county staff time for right of way acquisition. Funds for acquisition are budgeted in Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account Number 8100.

Funding for all phases of this project will come from Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), a Federal program administered by Caltrans which will reimburse on a 90% basis. The remaining 10% will be provided by Measure D and Measure A. Funds for construction will be budgeted in Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account Number 7510.

To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, the construction funding will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

None

**FTEs:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order approving these actions to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attention: Beverly Cross.

Please post a copy of the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval; such notice is to remain posted for 35 days.

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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