



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: February 4, 2014  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Federal Land Access Grant Program, County Projects Nos. 810545 and 810546  
First and Second Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- A. Authorize the Chair to execute the Project Memorandum of Agreement (attached as Exhibit1) between the Federal Highway Administration and the County of Santa Barbara for resurfacing Paradise Road and Gibraltar Road;
- B. Authorize the Chair to execute the Federal Lands Highway Reimbursable Agreement for a total amount of \$4,552,000 (attached as Exhibit 2) between the Federal Highway Administration and the County of Santa Barbara; and
- C. Find that the proposed actions are administrative activities which do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), that the proposed actions are therefore exempt from CEQA, and approve the filing of Notice of Exemption.

**Summary Text:**

The Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Los Padres National Forest and the County of Santa Barbara, are proposing to resurface and overlay Paradise and Gibraltar Roads. The award of this grant from CFLHD to Santa Barbara County provides a historic opportunity to transform these mountainous roads from their current patchwork condition to a structural condition that will last for years into the future with proper pavement preservation.

Both roadway improvements consist of rehabilitating the existing roads and paved shoulders for approximately 5.4 miles on Paradise Road, and approximately 6.5 miles on Gibraltar Road. The pavement improvements will incorporate several different rehabilitation methods based on the existing pavement conditions. These methods include: fog seal, slurry seal and micro-surfacing, and pulverizing the existing roadway and paving. Initial field observations of the roadways suggest that all rehabilitation measures are required on each roadway.

The Project Memorandum of Agreement assigns responsibilities for environmental analysis, design and construction required to deliver the final project using funds made available under the Federal Land Access Program. Under the Project Memorandum of Agreement the CFLHD will be responsible for the design and construction of the project. The Reimbursable Agreement provides the cost breakdown for preliminary engineering, construction engineering and the construction contract and how payment will be made to CFLHD.

The Federal Funding for the work was approved by the CFLHD, Programming Decision Committee on October 3, 2013. As such the CFLHD needs to execute the Project Memorandum of Agreement and Reimbursable Agreement to preserve the schedule. The projects are currently programmed for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017; however they could advance to FFY 2014 if federal funding becomes available.

It is anticipated that on Gibraltar Road access would be limited to local residents only for approximately three weeks during pulverization and paving. No other access (i.e. cycling, hiking and sightseeing) would be allowed during this time. On Paradise Road it is anticipated that access would be restricted to one-lane during pulverization and paving. Disruptions to traffic would be limited to weekdays with no work during the evening. Details of the traffic control would be finalized prior to construction and would be completed in a manner to maximize safety for the travelling public.

**Background:**

The Federal Lands Access Program was created by the “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act” (MAP-21) to improve access to federal lands. The program is directed towards public highways, roads, bridges, trails, and transit systems that are under State, county, town, township, tribal or local government jurisdiction or maintenance and provide access to federal lands.

The CFLHD has the responsibility for setting up the California Programming Decision Committee (PDC). The PDC is made up of representatives from the Federal Lands Highway Division, California Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles County Public Works Department. The PDC is responsible for prioritizing the program of projects for California’s Federal Land Access Program.

In March 2013 a call for projects was sent out from the PDC with a deadline to submit an application of April 30, 2013. The California call for projects resulted in over 80 applications. The PDC then selected its short-list of projects of which Paradise Road and Gibraltar Road were selected. The next step in the project review process was the development of a detailed scoping document. The scoping document was approved by the PDC on October 3, 2013 and they have programmed Paradise Road and Gibraltar Road for FFY 2017.



Paradise Road



Gibraltar Road

**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>
Federal			\$ 3,641,600.00
Local Match			\$ 910,400.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,552,000.00

**Narrative:**

The total cost for the two projects is \$4,552,000.00, which includes design, environmental and construction cost. The Central Federal Lands Program will fund \$3,641,600.00 (80%) and County will

fund the remaining \$910,000.00 (20%). The projects are programmed for FFY 2017. Public Works recommends setting aside a portion of road maintenance funding from the districts the roads are in over several years to minimize the impact to their annual pavement preservation programs. However, should the project schedule be accelerated into FFY 2014, it would require almost all pavement preservation funds for the respective Districts in FFY 2014 (County FY14/15). Funds for these projects would be budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0016, Org Unit 0500, Program 2820, and Account 7510

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations, and two (2) original executed agreements to Gena Valentine Felix in the Public Works Department, Transportation Admin, ext. 3064. Please keep one original executed agreement for your file.

**Attachments:**

1. Federal Lands Access Program Memorandum of Agreement (3 original)
2. Federal Lands Highway Reimbursable Agreement DTFH68-14-E-00039 (3 original)
3. Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

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