



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:** November 1, 2022  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Tme:** 60 Minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5 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 Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail Phase II Environmental; Project No. 862416; Second Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Certify that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003) and make the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings required to adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003);
- b) Adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003) and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Plan included in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003);
- c) Approve the Project and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct Phase II of the Modoc Multi-use Trail; Project No. 862416; Second Supervisorial District; and
- d) Authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with right-of-way acquisition negotiations, including in fee, right-of-way easements or licenses, and/or temporary construction easements, as required for the construction of the Modoc Road Bike Path.
- e) Approve a Budget Revision Request No. 0008603. Increase appropriations of \$500,000 in General County Programs General Fund for Other Financing Uses funded by release of Committed Cannabis fund balance. Establish appropriations of \$500,000 in Public Works Roads Capital Infrastructure Fund for Services and Supplies funded by an operating transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$500,000.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 22NGD-00000-00003 (MND) and the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, approve the project and to authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise the project for construction bids, and proceed with right-of-way acquisition negotiations.

The Modoc Multi-use Path project will construct an off-road (Class 1) multi-use path along Modoc Road between the existing Obern Trail and the City of Santa Barbara multi-use path. It will complete the last major gap in this regional network identified in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Regional Active Transportation Plan (Figure 1).

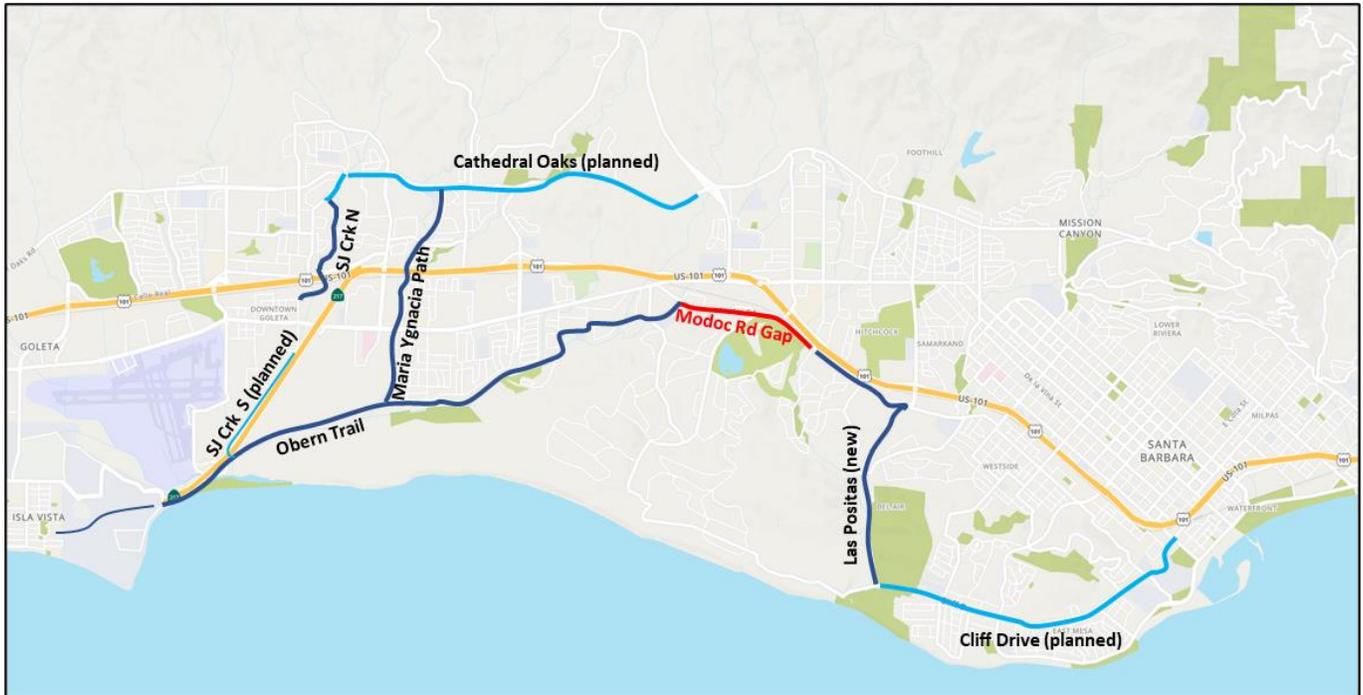


Figure 1: Modoc Multi-use Path gap infill

The alignment follows the south side of Modoc Road, transforming it into a multimodal corridor. The County applied for State Active Transportation Program funding for the project and received \$5.35M. This, along with local matching funds, will be used to build the path in two phases. Phase I was approved by your Board for construction on May 24, 2022. Extending from the City of Santa Barbara on the east to Via Senda on the west, this phase is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed this calendar year. Phase II is in the preliminary design phase. Alignments were created and analyzed and environmental studies have been completed which are detailed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration before your Board today. With approval of the environmental document, the County can proceed to detailed design work, utility coordination, right of way discussion, and project advertisement. These processes are anticipated to be completed over the next 6-8 months.

The multi-use path is approximately 3,955 feet-long with up to two feet wide unpaved shoulders. Low retaining walls on the south side along some segments of the path. It will be constructed with pervious materials. Low retaining walls are planned along approximately 1,900 feet of the path to provide a level surface and limit earthwork. Landscaping and trees will be planted as part of the project as well. Composition of the path, retaining walls, any fencing, trees, landscaping, and other features will be determined during the detailed design phase, in coordination with stakeholders and in conformance with the MND.

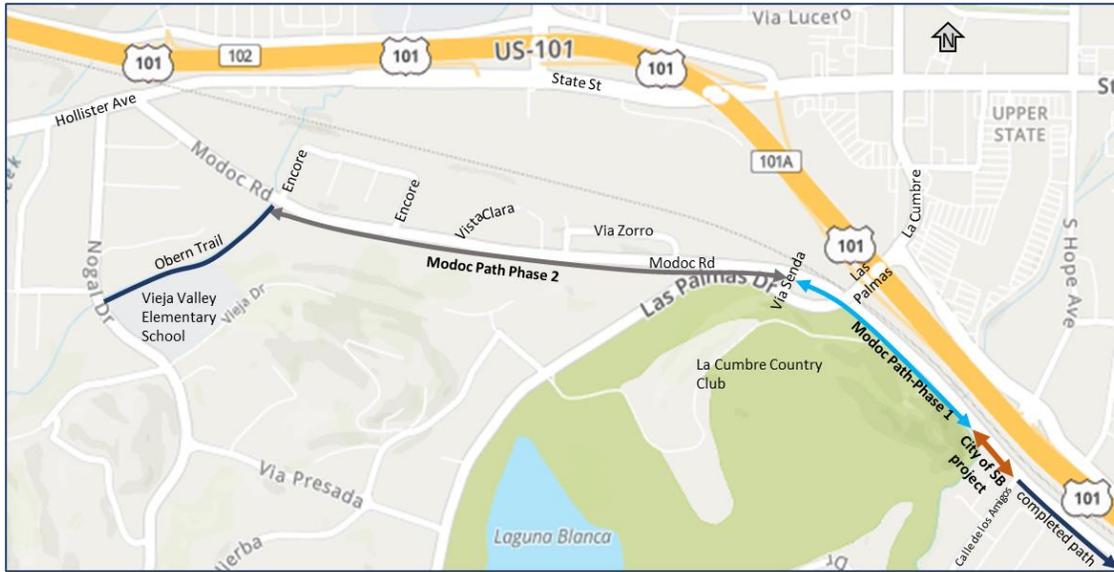


Figure 2: Phase 1 and 2 limits of the Modoc Multi-use Path

Two alignments were studied in preliminary design and environmental stages, Alignment A and B. Both are on the south side of Modoc Road and roughly parallel the roadway. The alignments are identical for much of the corridor. In the middle section (Figure 3) Alignment B separates from the roadway by roughly 10 feet. As detailed in the MND, under both Alignment A and Alignment B, potentially significant environmental impacts would be reduced to levels of less than significance through implementation of feasible mitigation measures.

Alignment B is preferred, as it would allow fewer trees to be removed, reduce the amount of retaining walls and barriers needed, and create a better user experience. However, it would require acquisition of a property interest over adjacent La Cumbre Mutual Water Company Property (LCMWC), which also has a Santa Barbara Land Trust Conservation Easement in this area. Alignment A is entirely outside the Conservation Easement area. If it is determined that it is infeasible to acquire the necessary property interests for Alignment B, Public Works would proceed with Alignment A.

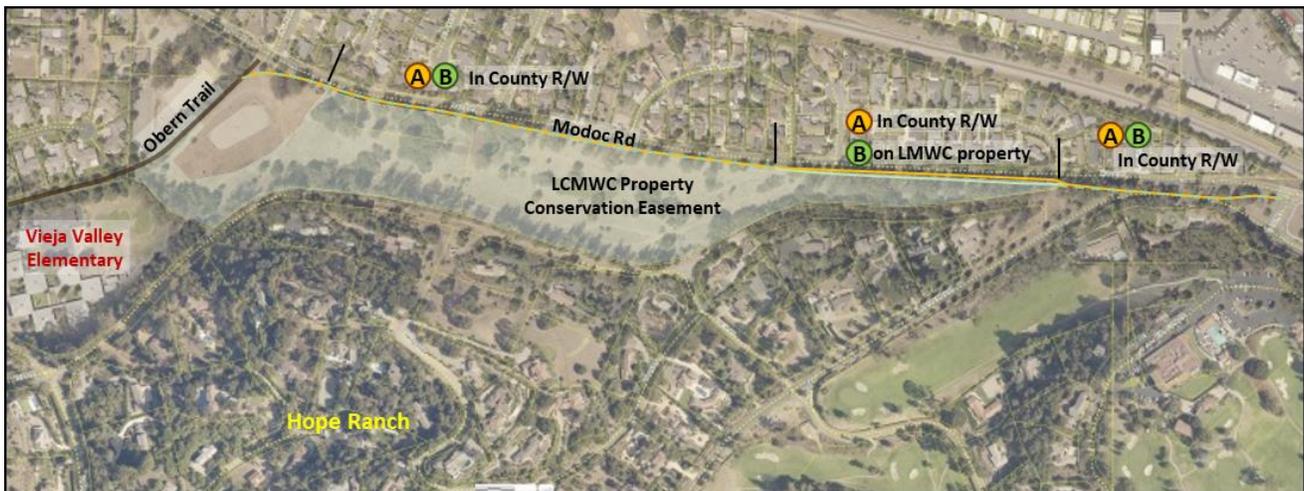


Figure 3: Alignments A and B

**Background:**

This project is the second of two County phases that will complete the last gap in a multi-use trail that interconnects the region. The completion of Phase II will create a continuous, separated facility for bicycles and pedestrians of all ages and abilities extending from Isla Vista to Arroyo Burro Beach and the City of Santa Barbara.

During Construction, the vehicular roadway will be narrowed, and the path will be built on the south shoulder. Traffic control will be provided as necessary, and delays are anticipated to be less than 10 minutes. Public Works will notify emergency response services and will use construction area signs to notify the traveling public.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding</u></b>	<b><u>FY22-23</u></b>
ATP Grant	\$ 3,147,000
General Fund	\$ 500,000

**Narrative:**

This project is funded in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Program 2830, Org Unit 0600. \$500K of General Fund is being used as a local match for the State grant for design and project development. The construction contract is anticipated to be awarded in FY23-24. Funding in the amount of \$500K has not been identified and will be requested in FY 23/24.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations to Morgan Jones in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, extension 83059.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003)

Attachment B: CEQA finding

Attachment C: Budget Revision Request No. 0008603

**Authored by:**

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