



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: August 21, 2012
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 30 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3005
SUBJECT: **Roadway Enhancement Partnership Program, All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive and file a report on the County's Roadway Enhancement Partnership Program on its seventh anniversary, all Supervisorial Districts.
- B. Adopt Resolutions (7) recognizing the efforts and contributions of the dedicated volunteers who have served five years or more through the County's Roadway Enhancement Partnership Program.

Summary Text:

In 2005, the Public Works Department created the Roadway Enhancement Partnership Program (REPP) to accept voluntary donations of time, material, and funding to promote improvements on the County's road right-of-way. The Department modeled the REPP after the popular and recognizable "Adopt a Highway" programs throughout the United States.

REPP was created to augment the already successful Partnership Program, created by Public Works in 1996 as cost-sharing agreement between homeowners and the County to fund hardscape repairs throughout the County. These are two innovative programs Public Works created out of an ever-increasing need to narrow the gap between funding shortfalls and maintenance backlogs.

REPP continues to be a successful program, and the County is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who donate their time and resources for the enhancement, beautification, and safety of Santa Barbara County roadways.

The Resolutions presented today are just a token of our appreciation to those individuals and groups who have dedicated their time and efforts to the betterment of their communities.

Background:

Your Board approved the Roadway Enhancement Partnership Program (REPP) on September 20, 2005. Like “Adopt-a-Highway” programs across the Country, REPP allows volunteers to work in the County right-of-way, donating their time, materials, and funding for safety, beautification, and minor repair projects throughout the County. The REPP program was created as a means to fund projects that would otherwise be put on indefinite hold due to funding shortages. By allowing volunteers to work in the County road right-of-way, Public Works can stretch its limited funding further and address higher priority projects, without sacrificing the smaller improvement and repair projects.

Public Works reviews all REPP applications, looking for projects that will improve safety, enhance beauty, and promote a cleaner environment for the traveling public. Examples of projects the Department looks for include tree planting and maintenance, trash pick-up and debris removal, graffiti removal, drainage repairs, landscaping projects, painting, and roadway surface treatments. Once a project is selected, Public Works issues to the volunteers, a permit allowing them to work within a specified boundary of the County road right-of-way. Public Works also provides safety training, hard hats, and vests to the volunteers working in County road right-of-way. The volunteers provide funding for all project expenditures, including materials.

The REPP volunteers have proven to be a valuable resource for the County to fund smaller repair and improvement projects within the right-of-way. The Public Works Department would like to recognize the dedicated volunteers with five or more years of service who have given their time and money to enhance Santa Barbara County’s roadways.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified stamped minute order to Gena Valentine Felix, Public Works Transportation, ext. 3064

Attachments:

Resolutions (7)

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