

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Hollister Avenue Bridge Scour Protection Project Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 02-ND-04; Second Supervisorial District; County Project No. 98R250

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (02-ND-04) pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as adequate environmental review for the Hollister Avenue Bridge Scour Protection Project; and
- B. Adopt the mitigation monitoring program included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration as conditions of project approval; and
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Hollister Avenue Bridge Scour Protection Project (Project No. 98R250).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No.1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The project is located on Maria Ygnacio Creek immediately downstream of the existing grade stabilizer associated with the Hollister Avenue Bridge, approximately 600 feet east of Patterson Avenue, in eastern Goleta, Santa Barbara County.

The winter storms of 1998 caused heavy flows in Maria Ygnacio Creek that resulted in extensive erosion and scour of the creek banks and degradation of the creek bottom at the location of Bridge 51C-026 on Hollister Avenue. The proposed project involves construction of a drop structure, retaining wall and slope protection on Maria Ygnacio Creek at the Hollister Avenue Bridge (No. 51C-26). The purpose of the project is to prevent further channel bed erosion that could undermine the existing grade stabilizer, endangering the bridge and bike path. The project is needed because bed erosion is occurring downstream of the bridge and is expected to worsen in coming years.

The boundary between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta runs in the middle of Maria Ygnacio Creek at the project location, therefore the project is both in the County and the City. This project will be completed by the County, however, the City of Goleta will assume ownership and responsibility of the grade stabilization structure after project completion.



Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), prior to approving the project, the decision-making body (Board of Supervisors) shall consider the proposed negative declaration together with any comments

received during the public review process. The decision-making body shall approve the negative declaration if it finds on the basis of the initial study and any comments received that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Approval of this negative declaration shall indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 requires the County to adopt a reporting and monitoring program for the changes to the project, which it has adopted or made a condition of approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The approved project description and conditions of approval, with their corresponding monitoring requirements, are hereby adopted as the monitoring program for this project.

Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the Public Work front counter in the County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California, 93101, and will be opened and publicly read aloud at a date to be determined.

The "Notice to Contractors" will be published prior to the date set for the opening of bids.

The project was approved as part of the FY 02/03 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Approval by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The construction portion of this project is funded by the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Program in the amount of \$132,800 and Measure D revenues in the amount of \$17,200. Environmental mitigation activities are required for five years after project completion with an estimated annual cost of \$2,000, funded by Measure D revenues.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the Certified Minute Order approving this action to the Public Works Department Engineering Section.

Concurrence:

None required.

Attachments:

Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 02-ND-04

