



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: June 2, 2009  
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 McGolpin, Department of Public Works, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Surface Transportation Program

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Accept and File Report on 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Surface Transportation Program (STP) (Phase I project locations) as shown on Attachment 1;
- B. Approve Proposed Phase II Projects funded through the 2009 ARRA STP (Attachment 2);
- C. Approve Notice of Exemptions pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Proposed Phase II Projects of the 2009 ARRA STP listed in Attachment 2;
- D. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Proposed Phase II Projects of the 2009 ARRA STP listed in Attachment 2.

**Summary Text:**

**ARRA-STP Phase I Projects:**

In preparation for the 2009 ARRA Package, the Public Works Department approached your Board on February 17, 2009 and received authorization to advertise Transportation Infrastructure projects totaling \$20 million. The approved Project Categories included Roadway Repair and Rehabilitation, Hardscape Repairs, Bridge Maintenance and Repairs, and Drainage Structure Repair and Replacement. The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) allocated 2009 ARRA Phase I dollars in the

amount of \$2.57 million to the County of Santa Barbara on February 19, 2009. The Public Works Department developed a final list of projects to expend these Phase I dollars. The \$2.57 million was allocated to specific project locations within each Supervisorial District based on the existing Board approved Measure D distribution formula of 50% lane miles and 50% population.

The list of project locations for these Phase I dollars is shown on Attachment 1 for your Board's reference. The Public Works Department informed each Board Executive Assistant of this list of project locations identified as part of Phase I. The Department needed to move very quickly through the Federal Funding process and advertise the Phase I projects as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the favorable bidding climate that currently exists, before the market is flooded with ARRA projects from other jurisdictions.

The Department received the Authority to Advertise for construction bids from the Federal Highway Administration for our Road Rehabilitation, Hardscape Repair, and Bridge Maintenance projects during the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This was the final authorization needed in order to advertise these projects for bid. The Road Rehabilitation and Hardscape Repair projects were advertised on May 11, 2009 and the Bridge Maintenance project will be advertised shortly. It is anticipated that construction will begin in July on the Road Rehabilitation and Hardscape Repair projects and the Bridge Maintenance project will begin construction in late summer 2009, as additional staff time is required to produce the final construction documents including traffic control plans.

### **ARRA-STP Phase II Projects:**

On April 16, 2009, the SBCAG Board allocated an additional \$3.7 million in ARRA-STP funds to the County of Santa Barbara. Based on your Board's direction on February 17, 2009, the Public Works Department distributed these funds to each Supervisorial District based on the existing Board approved Measure D formula. Attachment 2 lists the projects that are proposed for the Phase II portion of the ARRA-STP funds. These projects, located throughout the County, were taken from our Federal Legislative Platform, the Department's recommendations as well as input that was gathered from your staff. The Department was given a very short timeframe from SBCAG staff to submit a list of project locations, as an FTIP Amendment was to be completed at the May 21, 2009 SBCAG Board meeting. Based on this short timeframe, the Department once again worked with the Board's Executive Assistants to receive input and direction on the attached list of projects.

We are currently working with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration to obtain Authority to Advertise these projects for bid through the Federal funding process. We anticipate receiving this approval later this summer and we will advertise these projects for bid shortly thereafter. We are requesting your Board's authorization to advertise these Phase II projects in advance of receiving the authority from Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). By doing so, the Department will be able to advertise these projects immediately upon receipt of Caltrans and FHWA authorization without any delay.

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the projects identified in the Project Categories above are exempt from further environmental review. Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemptions for each Project Category will indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of these projects and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

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.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State:			
Fed: 2009 ARRA-STP			
Fees:			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

The 2009 ARRA-STP program provides 100% funding for the construction and construction engineering activities for the projects listed on Attachments 1 and 2. The total costs associated with the construction contracts, contract contingency, and construction engineering are \$2.57 million for Phase I and \$3.7 million for Phase II. Because the construction of these projects is scheduled to begin in the next fiscal year, the Department has submitted a final FY 2009/10 Budget Adjustment to include the funding of these projects.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
None

**FTEs:**  
None

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Attn: Gena Valentine Felix.

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

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: 2009 ARRA-STP Phase I Project List

Attachment 2: 2009 ARRA-STP Phase II Project List

**Authored by:**

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