

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Flood Control

Department No.: 054For Agenda Of: 04/03/12

Placement: Administrative

Estimated Tme: N/A Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director

Director(s)

Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

SUBJECT: Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 2B-Phase 1 Project, 2nd

Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence:
As to form: No

As to form: yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and receive bids for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Reach 2B-Phase 1;
- b) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15162, no new effects will occur and no new mitigation measures would be required as a result of the proposed action and therefore pursuant to CEQA Section 15162, the Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-Phase 1 Project is within the scope of the project covered by the EIS/EIR for the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project as well as the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations accepted by the Board as a Responsible Agency on May 11, 2011, on file with the State Clearinghouse as File No. 199810106, and no new environmental document is required.

Summary Text:

Reach 2B-1 of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project is the Box Culvert portion that runs through the Railroad Depot from the tracks to US 101. Most recently, the first portion of the channel work, Reach 1A-1, was completed. Previously to that, the box culvert portion under the railroad tracks was completed.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has continued the design of the remainder of the project to a 60% design level. The City of Santa Barbara (City) and County continue to focus on implementation of elements of the work below US 101. Construction of Reach 2B-1 will complete the box culvert improvements through the City's property from the railroad tracks upstream to US 101, and will conclude construction on the railroad depot side of the tracks. Construction of the culvert portion on the downstream side of the tracks will proceed with construction of the downstream channel segments in the future.

Concurrently, the City is scheduled to complete the Mason Street Bridge replacement within the next two years which proposes to also complete channel improvements downstream of the bridge to connect to the recently completed Phase 1A-1. Also, the City will commence construction of the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge which will complete the downstream end of the improvements.

Background:

The Lower Mission Creek Flood Control and Restoration Project is a federal Corps project that has been under study and development since the 1960s. The City and the County worked with the community in the 1990s to develop the current project that addresses the flood control concerns and the environmental issues.

The Corps completed the Feasibility Study over 10 years ago but has been slow to get adequate funding for design and construction. Since that time, the City and County have been working on finding opportunities to construct elements of the project as funding options arise.

To date, the box culvert under the railroad tracks have been installed and the lower end of the channel upstream of State Street has just been completed. The City will be constructing the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge and channel sections between State Street and Cabrillo Boulevard in 2012.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
South Coast FZ	-		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	-		
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Construction costs for this phase of Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project are included in the proposed 2012-13 budget. Bid results and construction costs will be provided after the bid opening and when the construction contract comes before your Board for approval. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of this year.

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This project is also included in Capital Improvement Program on page B-162.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u> <u>FTEs:</u>

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order to the Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Map

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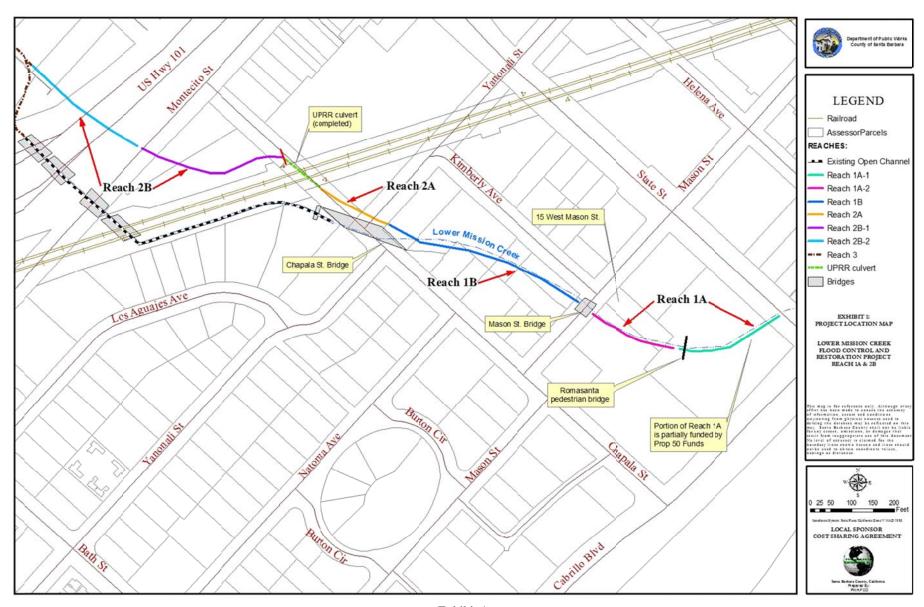


Exhibit 1