

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AGENDA BOARD  
LETTER**

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Department: **Public Works**  
Department No.: **054/02/03**  
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Traffic Section Manager

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SUBJECT: **Acceptance of Federal Hazard Elimination & Safety Program (HES) Grant funding to upgrade traffic signals at Turnpike Road and Calle Real. Second Supervisorial District.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** C.A. Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution that accepts a \$331,200 grant from the Federal Hazard Elimination and Safety Program to upgrade traffic signals at the Turnpike Road / Calle Real intersection.
2. Authorize the allocation of in-kind engineering services conducted by County staff valued at \$36,800, or 10% of the total cost of the project, as a match for the grant.
3. Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute the terms of the grant.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Strategic Plan Goal number 1: An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & DISCUSSION:**

The County Public Works Department operates and maintains county-owned traffic signals throughout the unincorporated area. The Department has identified the signal at the intersection of Turnpike Road and Calle Real as a candidate for upgrading due to the fact that the left turn signals on Turnpike Road are at-grade and there currently is no left turn phase for motorists traveling east-west on Calle Real who wish to turn on to Turnpike Road.

Accordingly, the Department applied to Caltrans for \$331,200 in Federal HES grant funding to pay for 90% of the \$368,000 cost to upgrade the signals at this intersection. The upgrade proposal consisted of the removal and replacement of the at median-mounted signals on Turnpike Road with curb-mounted overhead signals and the installation of a left-turn phase signal on Calle Real so that motorists

traveling east-west would no longer need to wait for a gap in oncoming traffic in order to make a left on to Turnpike Road, north or south. The County has been informed by Caltrans that our funding application is approved and a resolution from the Board is necessary to accept the funding and authorize a designated representative of the County to carry out the terms of the funding agreement. The attached resolution accomplishes both of these items.

**MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:**

No new mandates will be created by adoption of the attached resolution. Service levels for Public Works employees may increase very slightly due to the need to maintain a new left-turn phase signal on Calle Real, but service levels for public safety personnel may decline due to the improved traffic conditions at the intersection.

**FACILITIES AND FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be some long-term, positive facilities impacts due to improved traffic conditions at the intersection of Turnpike Road and Calle Real. There will be a short term fiscal impact as the Public Works Department, Engineering Section will perform engineering services valued at \$36,800, or 10 % of the project cost, as an in-kind match for the grant.

The Budget Unit for this recommendation is 054\02\03, Fund 0015, Account 7121.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please forward one copy of the minute order\executed document to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Traffic Section.

**CONCURRENCES:**

County Counsel  
Auditor/Controller

c: R. Camozzi, PW Admin  
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Attachment: 1) Resolution