

**SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY
AGENDA BOARD
LETTER**



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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Turnpike Road and Calle Real Signal Replacement Project No. 862249.
Second Supervisorial District.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Traffic Signal Replacement at Turnpike Road / Calle Real intersection.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Traffic Signal Replacement at Turnpike Road / Calle Real intersection.
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 No. 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 onto Turnpike Road.

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 onto Turnpike Road, north or south.

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the project has been determined to be exempt from further environmental review. Approval of the Notice of Exemption shall indicate the Board of Supervisor's approval of the project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.



Sealed proposals will be received at the Public Works front counter in the County Engineering Building, 123 E. 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.

MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:

No impacts to service levels are expected with this action.

FACILITIES AND FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impacts with this action. The Federal Hazard Elimination and Safety Program (HES) will fund 90% of this project and 10% will be funded with Measure “D”. HES funds have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0015, Program 2050, Org 0014, and Account 7460 and Measure “D” funds have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0015, Program 2050, Org 0002, and Account 7460.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please provide one copy of the minute order to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Traffic Section. In addition, after Board action, please file a copy of the Categorical Exemption (CEQA) with the County Clerk of the Board to begin a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

CONCURRENCES:

County Counsel
Auditor/Controller

Attachment: CEQA Exemption Notice