



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: August 25, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation 568-3064
SUBJECT: **Approve Mitigated Negative Declaration and Authorize Direct of Public Works to Advertise for Bids to Construct the San Jose Creek Bike Path Project (County Project 862085); Second Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

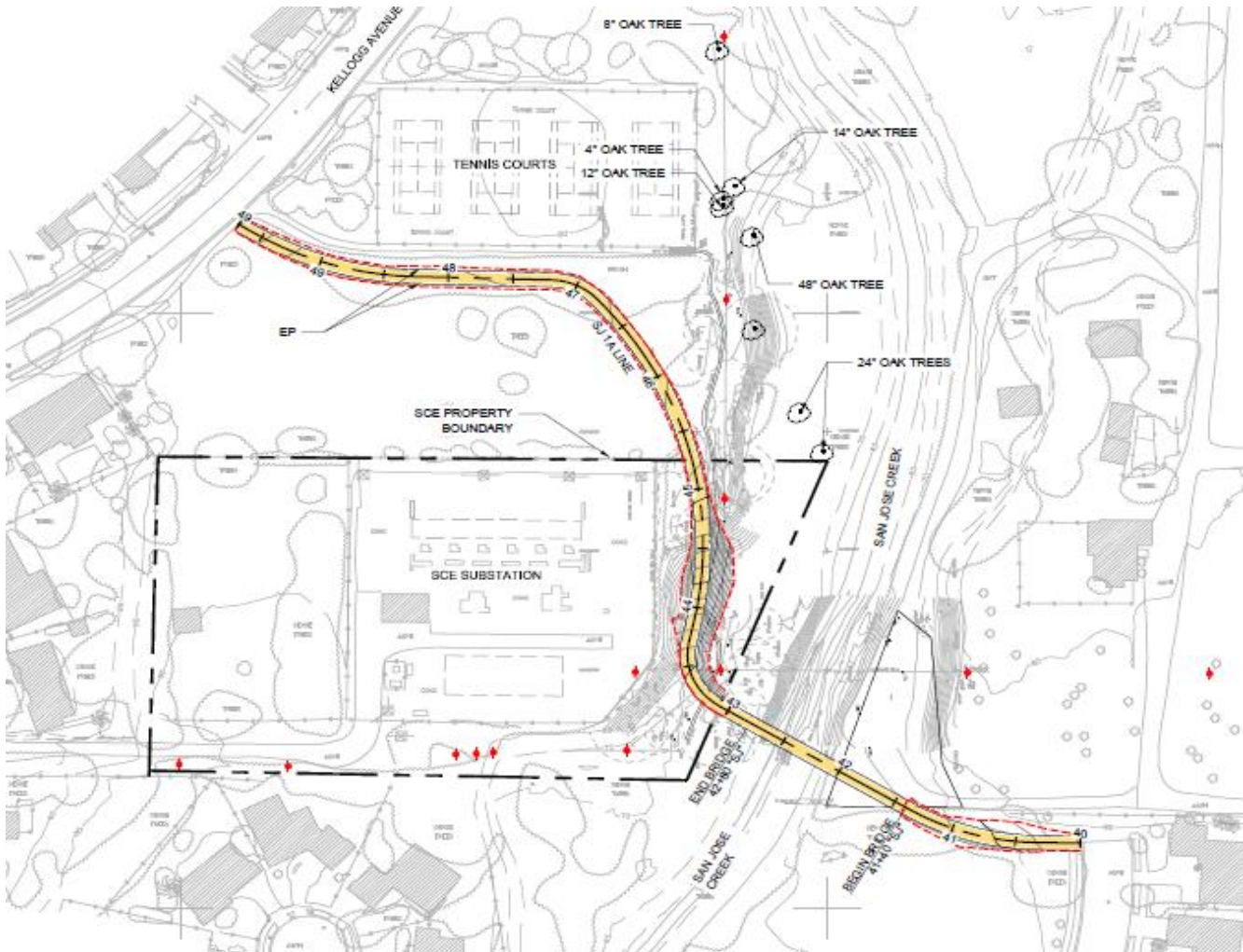
- A. Make the required CEQA findings for adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (14NGD-00000-00001), specified in Attachment B of this Board Letter;
- B. Approve the Project (County Project No. 862085), adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (14NGD-00000-00001) (Attachment A), and adopt the mitigation monitoring program contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct the San Jose Creek Bike Path Project (County Project No. 862085); Second Supervisorial District.

Summary Text:

The proposed San Jose Creek Bike Path Project is included in the 1993 Goleta Community Plan and 1999 Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan. The project site is located approximately 1000 feet southwest of the Cathedral Oaks Road/Kellogg Avenue intersection, just north of the city of Goleta. The project consists of a 970-foot long Class I bike path between Kellogg Avenue and Merida Drive. The bike path will include a 140-foot free-span bridge over San Jose Creek.

As part of the design process, the Public Works Department prepared the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) 14NGD-00000-00001 to evaluate the environmental effects of the San Jose Creek Bike Path Project. Upon approval of the environmental document, the Department will proceed with final project design, right-of-way acquisition and pursuing grant funding for construction. This project is

scheduled to be shovel ready in spring 2017 and eligible for grant opportunities such as the state Active Transportation Program and Measure A South Coast Bike and Pedestrian Program.



Proposed San Jose Creek Bike Path Project, Kellogg Ave to Merida Drive over San Jose Creek

Background:

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, the Public Works Department, acting as the lead agency, prepared MND 14NGD-00000-00001 to evaluate potential environmental impacts of the proposed bridge construction project. Potentially significant impacts in the areas of Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Water Quality, Noise, Fire Protection, will be reduced to less than significant with mitigation. To mitigate potential significant impacts, the Department will implement an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, Fugitive Dust Emission Control Plan, Water Pollution Control Plan, pre-construction biological surveys, environmental monitoring during construction, and post construction restoration. The new structure will clear span San Jose creek to avoid critical steelhead habitat and creek bed areas. By avoiding impacts to the sensitive creek habitat area, the proposed design is the environmentally preferred design. With the implementation of these and other measures included in 14NGD-00000-00001, residual impacts would be less than significant.

Public/Regulatory Outreach:

On October 5, 2014, the Draft MND was released for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period concluded on November 6, 2014. Four comment letters were received from the following parties: the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc.; Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council; and resident, Hayden Dozier.

Staff reviewed the comment letters and concluded no changes to the Draft MND were warranted. The Comment letters have been included in Appendix A of 14NGD-00000-00001.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

None

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified, stamped minute order approving these actions to Gena Valentine-Felix in the Public Works Department, Transportation Admin, 123 E. Anapamu Street, ext. 3064

Attachments:

- A. Proposed Final MND (14NGD-00000-00001)
- B. CEQA Findings

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