



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development and Public
Works
Department No.: 053 and 054
For Agenda Of: October 2, 2012
Placement: Set Hearing for October
16, 2012
Estimated Tme: 20 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Mission Canyon Multimodal Improvement Project Presentation, First and Second
Supervisory Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing for October 16, 2012 to receive and file a presentation on a joint Santa Barbara County/City of Santa Barbara Mission Canyon multimodal improvement process.

Summary Text:

Staff will provide the Board of Supervisors with a briefing about a collaborative process between the County and City of Santa Barbara to develop solutions for multimodal safety from Old Mission Santa Barbara on East Los Olivos Street in the City of Santa Barbara, north to Rocky Nook Park and ending at Foothill Road in Santa Barbara County (Attachment 1). The Concerned Citizens for Safe Passage will also make a brief presentation.

Background:

The draft Mission Canyon Community Plan (March 2011), places a priority on pedestrian safety, including Action CIRC-MC-1.5 directing the County to work with the City of Santa Barbara to provide a network of pedestrian pathways to safely access Mission Santa Barbara, Rocky Nook Park, Santa

Barbara Museum of Natural History and local neighborhoods. In spring 2012, County Planning and Development and Public Works staff, teaming with City of Santa Barbara Public Works as a sub-applicant, prepared a grant application to the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant program for the Mission Park to Mission Canyon Multimodal Improvements Project. A grant award of \$88,911 was announced in August 2012. An October 2, 2012 administrative agenda item has been placed to provide the Director of Planning and Development the authorization to execute grant contract agreements with Caltrans, and budget revisions will be brought to your Board for approval in early 2013. The Caltrans grant-funded process, to be started in spring 2013 and completed by February 2015, provides an opportunity for public input, concept level designs along the corridor and preparation of a City/County joint project agreement. The process will be challenging, as solutions to improve multimodal safety are particularly constrained by the significant historic, cultural, visual and biological resources present along the travel corridor.

The Concerned Citizens for Safe Passage consists of institutional, civic, neighborhood associations and private property stakeholders who are interested in improving multimodal circulation in the lower Mission Canyon area. The goal is to make the area more safe and inviting for all modes of transportation to travel between the Old Mission and the various institutions and neighborhoods northward along Mission Canyon Road. One of the goals of the Concerned Citizens for Safe Passage is to facilitate agreements between the County and City to move forward with pedestrian safety improvements as a high priority joint City/County project. On September 25, 2012, the Concerned Citizens for Safe Passage will make a presentation about the project to the Santa Barbara City Council.

The focus of the Concerned Citizens for Safe Passage has been in the area between Mission Santa Barbara up to the intersection of Mission Canyon and Las Encinas Road, as this is the most severely constrained problem area that also has the highest pedestrian volumes. The draft Mission Canyon Community Plan directs the planning effort to the entire lower Mission Canyon Road corridor, up to the intersection of Mission Canyon and Foothill Road (State Route 192), and thus there is a wider project scope under the grant.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff hours in the preparation of this item and presentation are already allocated in the current Fiscal Year's General Fund.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

Project Location Map

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