

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 05/24/05  
**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** 06/21/05  
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**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Accept Shoreline Preservation Grant Funds for the Improvement of Three Coastal Access Ways in Isla Vista

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept \$80,000 from the Shoreline Preservation Fund (SPF) for the improvement of three coastal access ways in Isla Vista.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is aligned with Goal No. 5: Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department owns three of the five beach access stairways in the community. All of stairways require improvements to make them more durable in a marine environment, thereby requiring less frequent closures due to winter storm events. Required improvements include replacement of deteriorated wood members and corroded steel fasteners and railings, repairs to concrete portions of the stairs and the slip-lining of storm drain pipes that exit the cliff face underneath the stairways. Accepting \$80,000 from the Shoreline Preservation Fund (SPF) will reduce the County's costs associated with improving beach access stairways in Isla Vista, California.

In addition to this \$80,000 SPF grant offering (see attachment 1), the California State Coastal Conservancy has indicated an interest to provide grant funding for the required improvements in the amount of \$150,000 (see attachment 2). Therefore, should your Board accept the SPF grant, staff will work to secure funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy to further reduce the County's overall costs associated with the required improvements. Once secured, the stairway improvement project will be fully funded.

Finally, once the improvements are completed, the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (IVRPD) has indicated an interest and willingness to own and maintain these access ways. Transferring ownership of the Routes will eliminate the County's future maintenance responsibilities and reduce the County's liability associated with ownership of the access ways. Therefore, staff will bring this transfer of ownership to your Board for consideration once the improvements are completed in May 2006.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in programs or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The project has been included in the proposed 2005/2006 Budget and was allocated to the Construction Cost Center under the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department. The project has been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Account 7510, and Program 2900.

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Concurrence:**

None