

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Safe Routes to School 5th Cycle Pedestrian Walkways Project;
2nd and 3rd Supervisorial Districts; County Project No. 862253.

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Safe Routes to School 5th Cycle Pedestrian Walkways Project, County Project No. 862253;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Safe Routes to School 5th Cycle Pedestrian Walkways Project, County Project No. 862253.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The proposed project is located in the unincorporated area of the Goleta Valley, near the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara. This project will entail the construction of traffic signing improvements, installation of flashing signal beacons and radar speed signs, as well as the construction of pedestrian pathways on Hollister Ave and Nogal Drive. On Hollister Avenue, between Turnpike Avenue and San Marcos Road, approximately 1,185 feet of sidewalk will be constructed along the northern (westbound) travel lanes. The

construction of this sidewalk segment will complete the sidewalk between Turnpike Avenue and San Marcos Road and will serve El Camino Elementary School, Hollister Elementary School and San Marcos High School. On Nogal Drive, between Cuna Drive and Nueces Drive, approximately 2,050 feet of pedestrian pathway will be constructed along the western (northbound) travel lanes, along with required drainage improvements and driveway reconstructions. This project will primarily serve Vieja Valley Elementary School.

The installation of flashing beacons and speed radar signs in the area of Foothill Elementary School, Isla Vista Elementary School and Vieja Valley Elementary School will be done by County Forces, while the construction of the pedestrian walkways will be constructed by the low bidding contractor. During the design process, Public Works spoke with the concerned parents, adjacent residents and property owners, as well as the principals for several of the affected schools regarding the various design elements that will be incorporated into the project.

Pursuant to the County’s CEQA guidelines, this 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 this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.



Photo: Existing County Right of Way on Hollister Avenue (Looking West)



Photo: Existing County Right of Way on Nogal Drive (Looking South)

The “Notice to Contractors” will be published prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the Public Works Conference Room, Santa Barbara County, Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California and at the North County Public Works office, 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, California, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Direction by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Through the Safe Routes to School Program, the State of California will provide 90% of the total project cost with Measure D providing the remaining 10%. Funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Program 2900, Org 0022, Account 7510 (State Funds) and Account 7511 (Meas. D).

Special Instructions:

Please forward a stamp-certified copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to Beverly Cross in the Public Works Department Roads and Engineering Division. Please post a copy of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board for 6 days prior and remain posted for 35 days after project approval.

Concurrence:

None

Attachment:

CEQA Notice of Exemption

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