



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: December 1, 2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Director of Public Works Department, 568-3010  
Director  
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director of Transportation, 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Coyote Road into the County Road Maintained System,  
First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a Resolution accepting portions of Coyote Road into the County Road Maintained System located in the First Supervisorial District;

**Summary Text:**

Public Works is requesting that the Board adopt a Resolution to accept those portions of Coyote Road that lie within the County's jurisdiction into the County's Road Maintained System. In the past, the City of Santa Barbara had maintained portions of Coyote Road that are within the County's jurisdiction; however, there was no formal agreement establishing the limits of maintenance responsibility for Coyote Road. As City and County staff have changed over the years, it has become unclear to all parties, who is responsible for the maintenance of this portion of Coyote Road. We have researched our records and the records do not indicate that Coyote Road was ever accepted into the County's Road Maintained System. Often times, it makes sense for one entity to maintain a road as it traverses through various jurisdictions, such as Coyote Road does. Without formal agreements in place that clearly define maintenance responsibilities, the specifics of verbal agreements that may have been established over 20 years ago, become clouded over time; this is the situation that we face today with Coyote Road. The County Public Works Department has met with the City of Santa Barbara to discuss the continued maintenance

and the idea of establishing a formal maintenance agreement for Coyote Road; however, this has proven to be difficult.

Staff has reviewed the maintenance records of Coyote Road and recommends that the portions of road that are within the jurisdiction of the County that had previously been maintained by the City of Santa Barbara, now be formally included in the County’s Road Maintained System.

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Supervisorial District</u>
Coyote Road	E. Mtn Dr to City Limits	1901 feet	First
	<b>Total Length Accepted</b>	1901 feet	

**Background:**

The Department received several complaints after the TEA Fire regarding the condition of Coyote Road within the County. The County requested that the City perform corrective maintenance on Coyote Road as they had in the past; however, they refused as there was no formal agreement in place to do this work. The County was not able to perform the necessary corrective maintenance on Coyote Road as it is not contained in our County Road Maintained System. The Department cannot legally expend Road Fund dollars outside of our maintained system. Staff has met with the City of Santa Barbara road maintenance staff on several occasions to discuss formalizing long-term, verbal maintenance agreements; however, we have not been able to come to an agreement for the continued maintenance of Coyote Road. Staff has informed the City of the proposed action before the Board today.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

Future maintenance costs for Coyote Road will be funded through the Road Fund (Fund 0015). Coyote Road will be added to the State mileage total for Santa Barbara County, and the gas tax revenue received from the State for road maintenance will be adjusted accordingly. It is anticipated that we will receive approximately \$2500 per year in additional gas tax revenue for this portion of Coyote Road. To properly maintain this roadway segment it will cost the Department approximately \$5,000/yr.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

N/A

**FTEs:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please distribute executed documents as follows:

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| 1. Original Resolution    | Clerk of the Board                         |
| 2. Copy of Resolution     | Transportation Division, Attn: Dacé Morgan |
| 3. Certified Minute Order | Transportation Division, Attn: Dacé Morgan |

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**Attachments:**

Board Resolution

Exhibit Map

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**cc:**

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Christine Anderson, Public Works Director – City of Santa Barbara