



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works, Sheriff
Department No.: 054-032
For Agenda Of: April 1, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
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: **Authorize the County Road Commissioner to Order Parking Restrictions, Road Closures and Reconfiguration in Isla Vista during “Deltopia”, Third 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. Approve the attached Resolution, delegating to the Public Works Director, as County Road Commissioner, and his designees, the authority to order the temporary restriction of parking, and closing or reconfiguration of roads as needed to assist the County Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol in maintaining control of traffic and pedestrians for public safety within the Isla Vista community during “Deltopia” activities or other comparable large, unpermitted spring events for the dates of March 15 through April 30, each year.
- B. Determine that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, as it involves the temporary alteration of the use of public roads that will have no permanent effects on the environment.

Summary Text:

Sections 942.5 and 942.6 of the California Streets and Highways Code give the Board of Supervisors certain authority with regards to the control and the delegation of control of public streets to provide for the safety and welfare of the public. The referenced code sections are recited in the Background section that follows.

The traffic control items may consist of parking restrictions, pedestrian channelization, road closures or diversions, temporary one-way traffic designations, and other measures as determined by law

enforcement officials and authorized by the Road Commissioner or his designee. Public Works will place signs as shown on the attached Exhibits "A" and "B" to notify residents and visitors to Isla Vista, as well as the traveling public of possible temporary road closures. Additional signs will be placed in advance of Mesa Road indicating an alternative route into the University to alleviate impacts to El Colegio Road. Residents with proper identification will maintain access.

Background:

Historically, Isla Vista has been a very challenging area for law enforcement with large unpermitted events taking place. Approximately 30,000 participants gather in Isla Vista each year for Halloween which requires the County to close sections of public streets for safety. Recently, a new event known as "Deltopia" has formed as a large unpermitted spring event in Isla Vista. The event originated as "Floatopia," and in 2009 attracted over 12,000 people to the beach in Isla Vista but due to the amount of people and pollution generated by the event, the County closed the beach for safety and health reasons.

The event has since relocated to Del Playa Drive, and takes place in the southeastern section of Isla Vista. It consists of a mass influx of people into the area, crowds walking in and along the eastern portion of Del Playa Drive, and a number of house parties. Each year the event has nearly doubled in size. Last year there were estimated 18,000 participants and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department and the UC Police Department handed out 71 criminal citations, arrested 23 attendees, and law enforcement took 440 calls for service.

The Sheriff's Department has been monitoring social networks to determine interest for this year's event. They have determined the event will take place on April 5 and is forecasting a larger turnout than prior years. This brings "Deltopia" to the size of the Halloween event. The proposed resolution would allow the County Road Commissioner to assist the Sheriff and CHP in controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic for public safety and to protect public property during the "Deltopia" event. Below are the relevant sections of the Streets and Highway Code that pertain to this action.

942.5. The Board of Supervisors may restrict the use of, or close, any county highway whenever the board considers such closing or restriction of use necessary:

- (a) For the protection of the public.
- (b) For the protection of such county highway from damage during storms.
- (c) During construction, improvement or maintenance operations thereon.

No liability shall attach to the County, or to the Board of Supervisors, for the restriction of use, or closing, of any county highway for the above public purposes.

942.6. The Board of Supervisors may delegate the powers contained in Section 942.5 to the County Road Commissioner.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Road Fund			\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00

Narrative: Approximately \$3,500 will be required for sign installation. Funds are available in Department 054, Program 2220, Org 0200, Account 7121.

Special Instructions:

Please provide one copy of the stamped, certified minute order to Gary Smart, Public Works Department, Traffic Section, ext 3308.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A – sign detail
- C. Exhibit B – Sign placement map
- D. Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

Gary Smart, County Traffic Engineer, 568-3308

CC:

Sheriff William Brown
Lt Robert Plastino