



**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:** July 1, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** **Betteravia Road Safety Improvements; Federal Project No.HRRRL-5951(150);  
County Project No.862368; 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 Project, Betteravia Road Safety Improvements, Federal Project No.HRRRL-5951(150); County Project No.862368; Third Supervisorial District;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct the Betteravia Road Safety Improvements; Federal Project No.HRRRL-5951(150); County Project No.862368; Third Supervisorial District; and
- C. Find that the proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities that the proposed project is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

The proposed project consists of safety improvements to a 5.4 mile segment Betteravia Road/ Simas Street from State Route 166 to Black Road, west of the City of Santa Maria and south of the City of Guadalupe in Santa Barbara County. The safety improvements will consist of the installation of rumble strips along the edge line and the centerline of Betteravia Road/Simas Street and shoulder backing to increase the recovery zone. Additionally, flashing beacons will be installed at the intersection of Black

Road and Betteravia Road. A portion of the project will be constructed within the City of Santa Maria at the intersection of Black Road and Betteravia Road.

**Background:**

The Public Works Department, Transportation Division performs periodic reviews of the collision data which documents all reported collisions within their jurisdiction. The collision database identified the Betteravia Road/Simas Street corridor as an area of concern. It was determined that lane drifting was the main cause for the collisions that occurred randomly throughout the corridor. Therefore, a proactive approach is proposed to improve driver attentiveness along this segment of the roadway. The installation of rumble strips will reduce distracted driving by raising attention of drivers if they drift over the centerline or off the roadway. Installing flashing beacons as advance warning was identified as the best countermeasure to raise driver awareness of the 4-way stop controlled intersection at Betteravia Road and Black Roads.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in November 2014 and end in January 2015. Traffic delays during construction are not expected to exceed 5 minutes. The Department will notify emergency response services of the project and construction area signs will be used to notify the traveling public.



**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Narrative:**

To preserve the competitive bidding process, the construction funding amount will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract. Funding for this project will come from the Highway Safety Improvement Program, a Federal program administered by Caltrans, which will reimburse on a 90% basis. Measure A will provide the remaining 10% for the Construction phase of the project. The funds have been budgeted for FY 2015/2016 in Department 054, Fund 0017, Org.0600, Program 2820 and Account 7510.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified, stamped minute order approving these actions to the Public Works Department, Transportation Section office, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, Attn: Gena Valentine-Felix

**Attachments:**

Notice of Exemption (CEQA)

**Authored by:**

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