



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: November 10, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
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: Santa Ynez Valley Bicycle Master Plan and Active Transportation Program Updates

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the Santa Ynez Valley Bicycle Master Plan, with County amendments;
- b) Receive and file an update on the County's Active Transportation Program; and
- c) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making), and will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt the Santa Ynez Valley Bicycle Master Plan and provide information on the status of the County's Active Transportation Program and future plans. Public Works applied for State Active Transportation Program funding for two bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects in Cycle 5. Public Works and Planning and Development received a state planning grant to prepare a comprehensive Countywide Active Transportation Plan. In addition, the County plans to apply (and/or support partner agency applications) for Measure A Regional grants for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Programs and projects, and to program Measure A funding for active transportation projects in the upcoming FY2021/2022 budget.

Background:

The County adopted its Bicycle Master Plan in 2007. In 2012 a new Bicycle Master Plan was drafted, but evolving circumstances in the County (community plan updates, changes to circulation, etc.) led to tabling the plan and instead using the SBCAG Regional Bicycle Master Plan, adopted in 2015. The SBCAG plan incorporates elements from the County and cities, including project lists. Since then, the SB 1 funded Active

Transportation Program (ATP) at the State has recognized further evolution in active transportation planning and set new goals for what types of projects receive funding for implementation. Given these changes, creating and adopting a new comprehensive Active Transportation Plan for the County would provide a framework for prioritizing and implementing projects to improve circulation of all transportation modes.

The new plan will consider previous work and incorporate elements that fit with the County's goals for future work. One such document is the Santa Ynez Valley Bicycle Master Plan, which SBCAG adopted on November 21, 2019. Elements of this plan are in alignment with County priorities and adopting the plan as amended will provide a framework for the County when considering work in the Valley, until the County adopts a new countywide plan. Public Works will balance these needs with others throughout the County when determining which projects to pursue. Public Works will consider information and projects in the Santa Ynez Valley Bicycle Master Plan and incorporate them into the County's comprehensive countywide plan as appropriate. Once adopted, the County plan will supersede the SBCAG plan.

County Active Transportation Plan development will begin in early 2021 and is scheduled to be a nearly 2-year process that includes a robust, comprehensive community engagement strategy. A request for proposals has been advertised and will be brought to your Board for consideration in early 2021.

State Active Transportation Program

The State ATP changed significantly with implementation of SB 1. The bill specifically sets aside \$100M annually for ATP projects, and split the program among small population agencies, large population agencies, and non-infrastructure projects. It also reshaped the way projects are approved for funding. It created a complex, rigorous and highly competitive application process. Cycle 5 applications for the program are currently under review. The State received over 500 applications totaling over \$2.2B in requests for ATP funding. Also, the program emphasizes different priorities than previously. The majority of the points for scoring are in three categories:

- Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities (up to 10 of 100 points)
- Potential for increased walking and bicycling, especially among students, including the identification of walking and bicycling routes to and from schools, transit facilities, community centers, employment centers, and other destinations, and including increasing and improving connectivity and mobility of non-motorized users. (up to 43 of 100 points)
- Potential for reducing the number and/or rate or the risk of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries, including the identification of safety hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists. (up to 25 of 100 points)

These criteria generally lend themselves to more urban, city-scale environments with disadvantaged communities, higher volumes of bicycles and pedestrians commuting, and more focused collision hot spots. Applications are highly competitive: the cutoff for funding in cycle 4 was 89 points and above.

There are five application types:

- A. Large Project: Projects with a total project cost of greater than \$7M
- B. Medium Project: Projects with a total project cost between \$1.5M to \$7M
- C. Small Project: Projects with a total project cost of less than \$1.5M
- D. Non-infrastructure only
- E. Plan

Public Works successfully applied for and received an ATP grant for the Obern Trail extension in Cycle 4, which will connect the existing Obern Trail near Encore to the Santa Barbara City limits with a Class I separated bike path. In Cycle 5, the Public Works Department applied for two medium infrastructure projects:

Old Town Orcutt Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements; and Isla Vista Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements. The State will release staff funding recommendations on or before February 15, 2021.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no costs associated with approval of this plan.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following items to Gail Ocheltree in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, extension 83094:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations

Attachments:

Attachment A: SBCAG Approved Santa Ynez Valley Bicycle Master Plan

Attachment B: County Amendments to Santa Ynez Valley Bicycle Master Plan

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