



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: July 15, 2008  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Dacé B. Morgan, Deputy Director of Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT: Refugio Road Site Distance Improvement Project, Third Supervisorial District,  
County Project No. 864032**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Notice of Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Construction of the Refugio Road Site Distance Improvement Project, County Project No. 864032 in the Third Supervisorial District; and
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for Construction of the Refugio Road Site Distance Improvement Project, County Project No. 864032, Third Supervisorial District.

**Summary Text:**

This project is located on Refugio Road approximately 3.4 miles north of U.S. Highway 101. It is adjacent to Refugio Creek between creek crossings number two and three. During periods of high creek flows the creek embankments erode and encroach into the roadway shoulder area, increasing the potential for future roadway failures. Currently, this section of mountainous roadway is narrow and on a blind curve. This project includes removal of the rock outcropping immediately south of Refugio Creek Crossing No. 3, widening of the existing traveled way, establishing a shoulder area between the rock and the travel lane, and relocating an existing above-ground water line. The privately owned water line is currently suspended from the trees above and is to be relocated underground in the proposed shoulder area.

In an effort to keep the public informed and allow for continued operations and emergency services to Refugio Canyon and along Refugio Road, Public Works will provide updates to County Fire of the expected traffic conditions throughout construction. In order to inform the residents, businesses, and ranch owners along Refugio Road of the upcoming construction project, a public information letter will be sent to each affected property owner. During the project, a portable changeable message sign will be placed at the intersection of State Highway 101 and Refugio Road informing users of the ongoing construction project.

The project is currently scheduled to begin in November 2008 and end in December 2008, weather permitting. The proposed project will require full road closures for periods of time ranging from three to five hours at a time during some operations. Flagging will be required during the remaining construction periods to provide the public with safe passage. During a majority of this time period, the traveling public can expect one 10-foot travel lane controlled by flaggers and other traffic control devices, and 20 to 30 minute delays during working hours. Advance notification will be provided for the periods of full road closures.



Photo: Existing Refugio Road conditions and water line

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the Department of Public Works has determined this project is exempt from further environmental review. Approval of this CEQA Notice of Exemption will indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

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.

**Background:**

The Refugio Road Site Distance Improvement Project is included in the FY 2008/09 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP) and is designed to improve the safety of the traveling public. This project was approved by your Board as part of the RdMAP on June 3, 2008, and is funded by Measure D.

**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:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

The Refugio Road Site Distance Improvement Project is funded with \$250,000 of Measure D funds. Funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2830, and Account 7510. To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, the construction funding amount will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to:

1. Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attn: Beverly Cross
2. Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Accounting Section, Attn: Donna Manuel

Please post a copy of the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval; such notice is to remain posted for 35 days.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption, Project 864032

**Authored by:**

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