



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** April 21, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director  
Contact: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Transportation  
**SUBJECT: Midwest Guardrail System Countywide; County Project No. 820797; Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications on file in the Public Works Department Office for construction of the Midwest Guardrail System Countywide, County Project No. 820797 (PRJ-000605); Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial District;
- b) Award the attached construction contract for the Midwest Guardrail System Countywide, County Project No. 820797, in the amount of \$306,042 to the lowest responsive bidder, Central Coastal Fence Inc., 540 S. 4th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433, subject to the provisions of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project, as required under California law;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached construction contract for County Project No. 820797, which has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, Auditor Controller, and Risk Manager, or their authorized representatives;
- d) Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to approve change orders for the Midwest Guardrail System Countywide, County Project No. 820797, for a contingency amount of up to \$27,803, for the construction of County Project No. 820797 for a total amount not to exceed authorization of \$333,845;
- e) Determine that this Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) (as the proposed project(s) 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), as set forth in the attached CEQA Notice of Exemption.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to approve the plans, specifications, and award the construction contract, not to exceed authorization of \$333,845, for the Midwest Guardrail System Countywide project to the lowest responsible bidder, Central Coast Fence Inc.

On Thursday February 26, 2026, the County received 7 construction bids for the Midwest Guardrail System Countywide Project. The Engineer's Estimate was \$364,000 which is about 0.80% below the average bid amount. The project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to go to the lowest responsible bidder. Staff reviewed all bids and determined the lowest bidder to be responsible and responsive.

**Background:**

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core federal-aid program with the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in traffic collisions and serious injuries on public roads by providing funding through grants to local agencies to upgrade agencies' existing non-compliant guardrail to current engineering standards. A countywide study was conducted on existing unincorporated county roads with guardrail to analyze traffic collisions, severe crash potential, and crash rates. The study determined the locations that qualified for the HSIP program. The unincorporated areas of Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Goleta contain road sections with guardrail that is not current to engineering standards. The proposed project would upgrade existing guardrail to current guardrail standards using Midwest Guardrail System. In addition, the project would reconstruct the embankment at each location, providing a stronger foundation for the Midwest Guardrail System. This project will include the following six locations:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> District Location:
  - Las Palmas Drive: 220' north of Las Olas Drive
- 4<sup>th</sup> District Location:
  - Harris Grade Road: 14,200' south of State Route 135
- 5<sup>th</sup> District Locations:
  - Betteravia Road: 800' southeast of Simas Road
  - Dominion Road: at Palmer Rd
  - Foxen Canyon Road: 3,800' northwest of Santa Maria Mesa Road
  - Foxen Canyon Road: 1,600' southeast of Dominion Road



Figure 1: Existing guardrail (Location - Betteravia Rd: 800' southeast of Simas Road)



Figure 2: Example of Midwest Guardrail System

**Fiscal and Facilities Impact:**

Budgeted: Yes

The total construction costs, including contingencies, amounts to \$333,845. The total amounts by funding source are listed in the table below. The project is budgeted in Fund FD-0016, Program PG-0542750, Cost Center CC-54210, Project PRJ-000605 (820797), and Spend Category SC-7510.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY25-26	Total Project Cost
Highway Safety Improvement Program, (HSIP)	\$300,461	\$300,461
RMRA	\$33,384	\$33,384
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$333,845</b>	<b>\$333,845</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward the following items to Emily Ferguson in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division: EK Ferguson@countyoosb.org

- A Minute Order approving these recommendations
- Executed contract signature page for 820797
- Fully signed Plans Title Sheet for 820797.
- Fully signed Special Provisions signature sheet for 820797.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Original Construction Contract for Midwest Guardrail System Countywide, County Project No. 820797

**Attachment B** – Original Plans for the Construction of Midwest Guardrail System Countywide, County Project No. 820797

**Attachment C** – Original signed Special Provisions sheet; County Project No. 820797

**Attachment D** – Notice of Exemption; County Project No. 820797

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