

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement with the City of Goleta for reimbursement of preliminary engineering costs associated with the Goleta Old Town Infrastructure Project, Second Supervisorial District, County Project No. 862035 (Ekwill Street) and No. 862036 (Fowler Road).

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of supervisors:

Authorize County Chair to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Goleta upon return of the City's executed agreement for reimbursement cost associated with Goleta Old Town Infrastructure Project.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No.1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion

The Goleta Old Town Infrastructure Project (Ekwill Street and Fowler Road projects) is funded with State and Federal funds through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Ekwill Street and Fowler Road projects were originally programmed in the 1998 STIP and includes construction of two new roads in an east-west direction linking Fairview Avenue on the west with Kellogg Avenue on the east.

In 1999, the County began preliminary engineering on all elements of the project. To perform this work the County secured the services of COM3 Consulting, Robert Bein and William Frost, Inc. (RBF) and Associated Transportation Engineers (ATE) for project management, design and traffic analysis services

respectively. For the next two years the County team worked with the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) and others in evaluating project options. In November of 2001, the County of Santa Barbara and UCSB agreed to have Caltrans take the lead on a Value Analysis Study (VAS) on the proposed Ekwill Street and Fowler Road projects. The VAS participants included Caltrans, County of Santa Barbara, UCSB, the Goleta Old Town Planning Area Committee (PAC), the City of Santa Barbara Airport, and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. With the establishment of the new City of Goleta (City), the implementation responsibility for Ekwill Street and Fowler Road projects was transferred from the County of Santa Barbara to the City of Goleta.

In July 2002, the City authorized the County of Santa Barbara to manage the Ekwill Street and Fowler Road projects and seek reimbursement from Caltrans for project expenditures until such time that the City was eligible to receive STIP funding. In October 2002, the County was notified by Caltrans that we were no longer eligible to receive STIP funding because Caltrans designated the City as project sponsor. The County continued to work as the agent for the City until June 2003, at the request of the City.

Prior to being eligible to receive STIP funds, the City was required to meet certain Caltrans reimbursement requirements. These requirements included executing a Master Agreement (authorized by Council on April 7, 2003), adopting an approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (approved by Council on July 7, 2003), submitting a Quality Assurance Program (approved by Caltrans in May 2003), and executing a project specific Caltrans Cooperative Agreement (approved by Council on December 1, 2003). The City fulfilled these requirements and was deemed eligible to receive funds for the Ekwill/Fowler Road project in January of 2004. Now that the City is eligible to receive STIP funds from Caltrans for this project, a reimbursement request for the County's expenditures on preliminary engineering can be submitted to Caltrans for approval. Once received by the City, the funds would be remitted to the County of Santa Barbara.

A Cooperative Agreement between the City and the County of Santa Barbara for the pass through of project expenditures has been developed since January 2004 and will be executed upon return from the City. The City approved this agreement on April 19, 2004.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No mandates or service levels are affected by this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Goleta Old Town Infrastructure Project is currently entirely funded through the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) with State and Federal funds.

Special Instructions:

Please forward one certified copy of the Minute Order and executed document to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attn: Beverly Cross

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor/Controller
Risk Management