



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: June 15, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Traffic Engineering Committee, All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution to reestablish the Traffic Engineering Committee to include a representative from County Fire, remove the Automobile Club of Southern California, and set a quorum at 4 members; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378, as it involves administrative and other general policy and procedure making activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to reestablish the Traffic Engineering Committee by replacing the Automobile Club of Southern California representative with a representative from Santa Barbara County Fire or other fire department's representative in the area of the matter under consideration.

The Traffic Engineering Committee currently reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Road Commissioner regarding controversial traffic problems that involve regulation or control within the unincorporated areas of the County. It consists of various professionals with a background or overarching interest in the safety of transportation facilities. The current members of this Committee include one representative from each of the following organizations:

- Automobile Club of Southern California
- California Highway Patrol – Buellton Area
- California Highway Patrol – Santa Barbara Area
- California Highway Patrol – Santa Maria Area
- California Department of Transportation

- Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition
- Santa Barbara County Education Office
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff
- Santa Barbara County Public Works
- South Coast Transit Advisory Committee
- Vandenberg Air Force Base
- The Public Transit Operator in the area of the matter under consideration

The Fire Department is a local organization with a high interest in the safety and operations of existing transportation facilities and conditions. Representatives of the County Fire Department will have knowledge and experience of transportation infrastructure needs for response to fire and medical emergencies specific to the County. Public Work recommends adding the Santa Barbara County Fire Department or other Fire Departments in the area of the matter under consideration as a voting member of the Traffic Engineering Committee. The Automobile Club of Southern California has expressed support of our Traffic Engineering Committee and providing sound technical information to our Board Members but has expressed they would not be able to attend meetings. Public Works recommends removing the Automobile Club of Southern California representative from the Traffic Engineering Committee voting members. This will leave the current number of voting members of the Traffic Engineering Committee unchanged.

Background:

Originally established in 1963, the Traffic Engineering Committee’s purpose was to investigate all traffic problems involving regulation or control within the unincorporated area of the County and provide recommendations to the Road Commissioner and the Board of Supervisors. It included five voting members at the time including one representative each from the following organizations: Automobile Club of Southern California; California Highway Patrol; State Division of Highways; Vandenberg Air force Base and County Road Department.

Reestablished in 1984, the Committee’s purpose changed to investigate all “controversial” traffic problems involving regulation or control within the unincorporated area of the County and provide recommendations to the Director of Public Works and the Board of Supervisors. The Committee also expanded from five to nine voting members by splitting the California Highway Patrol representative into three; one each from the Santa Barbara area, Buellton area and Santa Maria area offices, and adding one representative each from the following organizations: Santa Barbara County Schools and Santa Barbara County Sheriff.

Reestablished again in 1996, the Committee expanded from nine to twelve voting members by adding one representative each from the following organizations: Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, South Coast Transit Advisory Committee and the Public Transit Operator in the area of the matter under consideration.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
Road Fund	\$0	\$0

Narrative:

There are no fiscal impacts as a result of this action.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified, stamped Minute Order and copies of the executed Resolution to:

1. Gail Ocheltree, Public Works Transportation, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, x83094
2. Bert Johnson, Public Works Transportation, 620 W. Foster Road, Santa Maria, x38787

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution to Expand Traffic Engineering Committee

Authored by:

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