

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Isla Vista Urban Forest on the Southern Portion of the Embarcadero Loop;
3rd Supervisorial District; County Project No. 863032

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Isla Vista Urban Forest on the Southern Portion of the Embarcadero Loop, County Project No. 863032;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Isla Vista Urban Forest on the Southern Portion of the Embarcadero Loop, County Project No. 863032.

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:

This project is the first phase of an overall downtown streetscape improvement project which is being recommended for implementation prior to the adoption of the Isla Vista Master Plan. This project proposes

to plant thirty-five (35) trees on the Embarcadero Loop, south of Pardall Road. The Isla Vista Project Area Committee/General Plan Advisory Committee (IVPAC/GPAC) recommended that Chinese Flame Trees from the Board's approved street tree list be used on this project as well as the style of tree grate and guards to be used.

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, this project has been determined to be exempt from further environmental review. Approval of the Notice of Exemption shall indicate the Board of Supervisor's approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

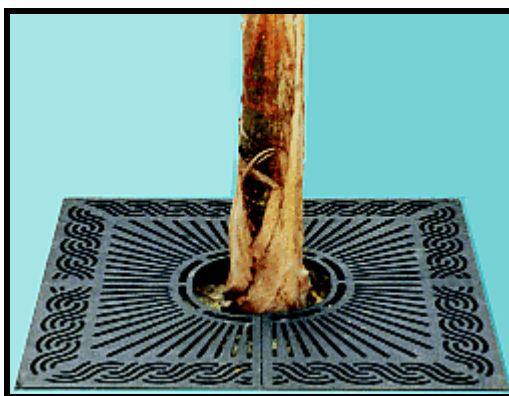


Photo: Proposed Tree Grates (Guard not shown)

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, 2400 Professional Parkway, Suite 150, Santa Maria, California, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

The project is included in the proposed Isla Vista Master Plan.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Direction by the Board of Supervisors for this action will not change the programs or service levels. Once the trees have been installed, 35 additional trees will be added to the transportation maintenance backlog.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This project will be funded by the following sources: Redevelopment Agency-\$65,000, County Service Area 31-\$60,000 which Public Works will approach the Board in the near future, to request approval of a Budget Revision, Road Designation (LRDP)-\$120,000, Measure "D"-\$10,000. Funds have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0015, Program 2900, Org 0002, and Account 7511.

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Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to Beverly Cross in the Public Works Department, Engineering Section. Please post a copy of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval.

Concurrence:

None