



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: July 5, 2011  
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 Director Scott McGolpin, Director of Public Works, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Cold Springs Road Safe Routes to School Project, First Supervisorial District;  
County Project No. 862321

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

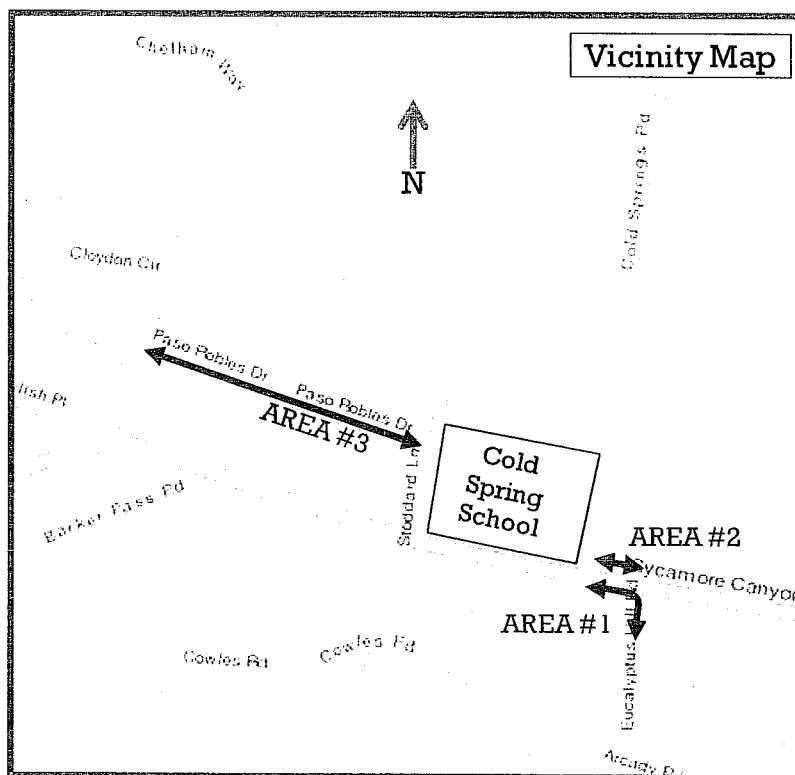
- A. Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15304 (c), pertaining to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation for the Cold Springs Road Safe Routes to School Project, County Project No. 862321; and
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Cold Springs Road Safe Routes to School Project, County Project No. 862321.

**Summary Text:**

This Safe Routes to School project will improve road shoulders and drainage conditions to facilitate pedestrian passage in three areas around Cold Spring School (see map below):

- 1) Sycamore Canyon (State Route 192) and Eucalyptus Hill from approximately 100 feet west of the intersection to 100 feet south of the intersection on the southwest shoulder,
- 2) Sycamore Canyon from the School to approximately 200 feet east along the north side of Sycamore Canyon Road, and
- 3) Paso Robles from the school to Chelam Way.

The State Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program awarded funds for this project through a competitive grant process. Project plans were developed through a partnership between the County and community stakeholders.



*Cold Spring Safe Routes to School Project Areas*

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the Department of Public Works has determined that 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.

Public Works will publish the "Notice to Bidders" prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the front counter, Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 and 620 Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455; at a date to be determined, will be opened publicly and read aloud.

**Background:**

This project began with the development of the Montecito Walk to School Report, a guidance document created by the County and various stakeholders, including members of the Montecito Association. This report identified priorities for different areas in Montecito for creating and improving pedestrian walking areas. Once the priorities were in place for the various areas, the County applied for grants to implement improvements. In 2009 the County received a grant through a competitive process to design and construct a Safe Routes to School project in the Cold Spring Elementary School area.

During the design process a public meeting and briefings were held to receive stakeholder and community input. There were multiple meetings with school representatives and parent groups, as well as a publicized public meeting on May 24, 2011. In addition, residents adjacent to the project were given the opportunity to provide feedback.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
Local: TDA			
State: SR2S			\$ -
Federal:			\$ -
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

Funding for all phases of this project will come from a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant, a State program administered by Caltrans, which will reimburse on a 90% basis. The remaining 10% will be provided by Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. Funds for construction will be budgeted in Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account Number 7510.

To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, the construction funding will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

None

**FTEs:**

None


**Special Instructions:**

Please forward certified, stamped copies of the Minute Order approving this recommendation to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attn: Beverly Cross.

**Attachments:**

Categorical Exemption (CEQA)

**Authored by:**

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**cc:** Project File