

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Hummel Drive Extension Project Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 02-ND-05;
Fourth Supervisorial District; Public Works Project No. 420195

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (02-ND-05) pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as adequate environmental review for the Hummel Drive Extension Project; and
- B. Adopt the mitigation monitoring program included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration as conditions of project approval; and
- C. Authorize the County Public Works Department to proceed with right-of-way negotiations with adjacent property owners.

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 project is located on the unpaved portion of Hummel Drive between Hobbs Lane and Mooncrest Lane, approximately ½ mile north of Clark Avenue in Orcutt, Fourth Supervisorial District.

The proposed project involves construction of the missing road segment of Hummel Drive between Mooncrest Lane and Hobbs Lane. This project is intended to enhance local circulation and reduce travel time for residents in the region, especially once Union Valley Parkway is constructed. The road extension would include two travel lanes, sidewalks, curbs and gutters on both sides of the roadway and on-road bike lanes. Acquisition of right-of-way for the proposed project would be necessary. The project would implement the County’s Circulation Element, which shows Hummel Drive continuously linked as a collector road between Foster Road to the north and Patterson Road to the south. The extension has been programmed as a near-term improvement in the Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan (OTIP).



Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), prior to approving the project, the decision-making body (Board of Supervisors) shall consider the proposed negative declaration together with any comments received during the public review process. The decision-making body shall approve the negative declaration if it finds on the basis of the initial study and any comments received that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Approval of this negative declaration shall indicate the Board of Supervisors’ approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 requires the County to adopt a reporting and monitoring program for the changes to the project, which it has adopted or made a condition of approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The approved project description and conditions of approval, with their corresponding monitoring requirements, are hereby adopted as the monitoring program for this project.

Approval by the Board of Supervisors will allow the Public Works Department to proceed with right-of-way negotiations on the following parcels: APN 107-270-002, APN 107-270-003, APN 107-270-006, APN107-270-012, APN 107-270-013, APN 107-270-014, APN 107-270-015, APN 107-270-037, APN 107-290-005, APN 107-290-006, APN 107-290-007, APN 107-290-008, APN 107-290-009, APN 107-290-010, APN 107-290-038, and APN 107-290-039.

The project was approved as part of the FY 02/03 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Construction of the Hummel Drive Extension would implement the County's Circulation Element.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Hummel Drive Extension Project is funded by the State Transportation Improvement Program in the amount of \$1,070,000, Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees in the amount of \$312,978 and the County General Fund in the amount of \$231,008.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the Certified Minute Order approving this action to the Public Works Department Engineering Section attention Sophia Rodriguez, ext. 3095.

Concurrence:

Planning & Development

Attachments:

Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 02-ND-05