

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Construction of Circulation & Parking Improvements (Phase II) on Ortega Hill Road and Lillie Avenue in the Town of Summerland, First Supervisorial District; County Project Number 862256

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Construction of Circulation & Parking Improvements (Phase II) on Ortega Hill Road and Lillie Avenue in the Town of Summerland, County Project Number (862256);

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Number 1: An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

This project is the second phase of a two phased project located between Ortega Ridge Road and Greenwell Avenue on Ortega Hill Road and Lillie Avenue through the town of Summerland. The purpose of this project is to improve the pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle circulation by constructing curb, gutter and sidewalks, delineating a Class II bike lane and by adding angled parking where feasible.

The project will consist of the delineation of a Class II bike lane, the construction of curb, gutter and sidewalks along the entire length of the project, and the addition of angled parking where feasible. The new

sidewalk width will vary from five to ten foot, and the parking improvements will vary from parallel to angled parking as existing road right-of-way allows.

The conceptual plan report for this two phased project produced in January of 2001 documented the four community workshops held with the Summerland Citizens Association in the latter part of 2000. This report was commissioned to continue implementation of the Summerland Community Plan (established in 1992), coordinate the implementation of the currently funded (Phase I) project, and help pursue funding for the then unfunded portions of the project (Phase II). At this time, the Phase I project is funded and construction is anticipated to begin in July 2006.

The funds for the Phase II portion have been programmed in the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The preliminary engineering funds were placed on a pending allocation by the California Transportation Commission in November 2005. The Department is in the process of requesting detailed design funds, prior to the end of the fiscal year. As part of the request for funds a CEQA determination is required. With this action, the Department will be able to meet the March CTC deadline for the Preliminary Engineering Funds.



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

This project was included in the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 05/06 Capital Improvement Program.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Approval by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The funding for the project is provided by the Federal Surface Transportation Program (88.53%) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (11.47%). The funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Org. 0001, Program 2900, and Account 7510.

This project will have a minor impact to facilities due to the addition of Road Right-of-Way into the County maintained system, the construction of the curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements and required maintenance thereto. The additional Road Right-of-Way required to construct this project is currently within the existing Caltrans Right-of-Way and is anticipated to be transferred from Caltrans to the County as part of the Caltrans encroachment permit process.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a stamped certified copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to Beverly Cross in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division Engineering Section. Please post a copy of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board for 6 days prior and remain posted for 35 days after project approval.

Concurrence:

None

Attachments:

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption