



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: February 28, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 805-568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 805-568-3064
SUBJECT: State-County Freeway Maintenance Agreement, Highway 101 Segment 4C; First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve a Freeway Maintenance Agreement for Route 101 from 0.35 miles west of Padaro Lane (PM 7.29) to 0.30 miles west of Sheffield Drive (PM 9.48); and
- b) Find that the recommended actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute a Freeway Maintenance Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara (COUNTY) and the State of California Department of Transportation (STATE) for the US Route 101 between 0.35 miles west of Padaro Lane (PM 7.29) to 0.30 miles west of Sheffield Drive (PM 9.48). This agreement will modernize and replace three existing freeway maintenance agreements dating back to 2004, and 1988, which in turn replaced previous agreements from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. The existing agreements do not reflect the current state of the infrastructure and related maintenance responsibilities along the Route 101 corridor through the community of Summerland. The new agreement will consider the US101 widening project and associated parallel projects currently in design and scheduled for construction within the next few years. These updated agreements allow for delineation of the various areas of maintenance responsibilities between the STATE and the COUNTY.

Background:

Historically, freeways and their intersecting County roads were relatively simple. They consisted of freeways for vehicular travel, under- or over-crossings, and County roadway intersections. Identifying the basic elements for maintenance could be described and assigned by stating the State would maintain the freeway, on- and off-ramps and associated intersections, and structures over and under the freeway. The County maintained the roadway surface and striping, as well as any ancillary features like County roadway signs, pedestrian paths, etc.

With the current Route 101 widening and parallel projects there are many new features that require more definition regarding maintenance responsibilities. These include multi-modal and architectural features like pedestrian walkways and sidewalks, bicycle facilities, curbs and curb ramps, pavement markings and signs, landscaping and irrigation, storm water drainage systems, biofiltration areas, street and sidewalk lighting, and decorative or artistic elements. A new Freeway Maintenance Agreement allows for these items to be described, delineated, and assigned maintenance responsibilities. They also allow for partnership between agencies on responsibilities, where the STATE funds work performed by the COUNTY on its facilities or the STATE installs features within their right of way for the COUNTY to maintain, with certain conditions.

Approving this Freeway Maintenance Agreement will allow vital Route 101 parallel and connecting projects to proceed, including the Via Real Coastal Trail Enhancements, Wallace Avenue Streetscape Improvements, as well as to accept STATE built improvements within their right of way for COUNTY to maintain. With this new agreement in place, maintenance for these projects, as well as the Route 101 Widening Project will be clearly apportioned to ensure the best, continuous services for the traveling public. COUNTY will have maintenance responsibility for the following items planned or recently constructed as part of the Highway 101 HOV/Rehabilitation Project and associated Summerland Coastal Access Improvement parallel projects:

- Caltrans Highway 101 Project
 - Maintenance of the County side of sound walls for removal of graffiti, cleaning, painting, and removal of debris
- Evans Ave Undercrossing Improvements (SBCAG) and Wallace Ave Summerland Improvements Project (County)
 - Maintenance of roadway, shoulder, sidewalks, traffic pavement markings, architectural treatments, landscaping, irrigation, streetlights, and graffiti abatement on slope paving, community identifier, and wall surfaces
- Ortega Hill Bike Path improvements (Caltrans)
 - Maintenance of all asphalt and concrete on the Class 1 Bike Path on Ortega Hill, including cleaning, debris removal, routine maintenance, lighting, and overlays/rehabilitation of the pavement and subgrade, drainage facilities, slopes, landscaping, irrigation, signs, traffic pavement markings

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: n/a

Each party will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of facilities as described in the Freeway Agreements.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following items to Ashley Kruzel in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, at extension 83064:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations
- Two duplicate original partially executed agreements (one original, fully executed agreement to be returned to the Clerk of the Board to remain on file upon execution from Caltrans)

Attachments:

Attachment A: Freeway Maintenance Agreement Highway 101-4C (2 Duplicate Originals)

Attachment B: Freeway Maintenance Agreement Exhibit – Highway 101-4C

Attachment C: Existing Freeway Maintenance Agreements being replaced (1988, 1988, 2004)

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