



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: February 18, 2014
Placement: Set Hearing for:
March 4, 2014
Second Reading:
March 11, 2014
Estimated Tme: 15 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Removal of Abandoned Bicycles in Public Right-of-Way; All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence - Sheriff

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Set a hearing for March 4, 2014 to consider the introduction (first reading) of the attached Ordinance amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 9, pertaining to the removal of abandoned bicycles in the public right-of-way (15 minutes);
- B. Set a hearing for March 11, 2014 on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations, as follows:
 - i.) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance, amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 9 pertaining to bicycles in all Districts;
 - ii.) Read the title of the Ordinance and waive the reading of the Ordinance in full;
 - iii.) Find that the proposed action is for the operation and maintenance of existing public facilities, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15301; and
 - iv.) Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

Public Works allows permitted bicycle parking racks in the public right-of-way. Bike racks and usage are particularly intensive in Isla Vista. This bicycle parking in the right-of-way is intended for short-term

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

durations (24 hours or less) while patronizing the local businesses or actively enjoying the area. Problems, such as theft and vandalism, arise when bicycles are parked long-term or abandoned in the right of way. Abandoned and vandalized bikes lead to blight and take up spaces that should be available to active users.

Currently, the County Code does not provide for the impoundment of bicycles that are abandoned or illegally parked in the County right-of-way. Recommended changes would add sections to the County Code to allow for removal of abandoned bicycles. The new code would outline the process for identifying, tagging, removing, storing, and disposing abandoned bicycles.

Background:

Isla Vista has the highest bicycle use in the County with as many as 1,000 bicyclists per hour on Pardall Road. Most commercial property in downtown Isla Vista does not have adequate space to install bicycle parking. Due to high demand and public benefit of bicycle parking, Public Work has permitted bicycle parking racks in the public right-of-way at locations that are visible, lighted, and do not impede cars or pedestrians. Currently, Isla Vista is the only location where Public Works has permitted bicycle parking in the public right-of-way.

The bicycle parking racks are intended for short-term parking. Bicycles parked long-term are more likely to be vandalized or stolen, and long-term use decreases available parking for short-term users. Staff finds that a large number of bicycles parked long-term in this area have actually been abandoned, and the County Code currently does not provide for removing and disposing them. The amendment to Chapter 9 of the County Code would give the County authority, and outline the process for identifying, notifying owners, storing, and disposing abandoned bicycles, all of which will be handled by the Sheriff's Department.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00

Narrative:

Approximately \$1,500 will be required for printing owner notices, and lock cutting equipment. These funds are available in Department 032, Program 1028, Org 6038, Account 5008.

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