

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AGENDA BOARD
LETTER**



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Continued Item: **No**

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery
Director of Public Works

STAFF

CONTACT: Bret Stewart, 568-3232
Traffic Section Manager

SUBJECT: **Highway 101 Implementation Plan, Technical Advisory Committee Memorandum of Understanding; All Supervisorial Districts.**

RECOMMENDATIONS: C.A. Recommendation: _____

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding County participation in the Highway 101 Implementation Plan Technical Advisory Committee.

ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Nos. 2 and 5: to ensure the public health and safety and provide essential infrastructure, and to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & DISCUSSION:

In March, the Board adopted the Highway 101 Deficiency Plan and recommended the development of an implementation plan to further define the projects and their impacts on congestion and the environment. This process was initiated and has been on-going for five months. A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has been formed and has developed the attached MOU for adoption.

The strategy behind the Implementation Plan proposal envisions a comprehensive consensus-building effort administered by SBCAG in partnership with Caltrans and local agencies with the assistance of a technical advisory committee and supported by a consultant team.

An outreach process would ensure extensive community involvement in the development of the Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan will take one to three years to complete and will identify specific projects that can be considered in future funding cycles.

Caltrans District 5, has been working with the TAG that include staff from Santa Barbara City, Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara County, APCD, MTD, SBCAG, Caltrans, and VCTC to prepare this information. Caltrans has emphasized the importance of a process that is collaborative and inclusive. The background has set the stage for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between agencies involved in preparing the plan. The MOU establishes the framework for the various tasks, lays out ground rules to ensure fair participation by all interested parties, and establishes product deliverables.

Following adoption of the MOU, Caltrans will assist the committee in preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure consulting assistance in the development of a public participation program and necessary technical studies. The RFP will also be accompanied by a project cost estimate. It is anticipated that these efforts will be completed by the end of this year.

MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:

No mandates or service levels are affected by this action.

FACILITIES AND FISCAL IMPACT:

Discussions are ongoing between each affected agency to determine a funding strategy and a fair participation formula to finance the RFP.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please forward one copy of the minute order w/executed document to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Traffic Section.

CONCURRENCES:

County Counsel
Planning & Development

c: Diane Meester, Planning and Development

Attachment: #1 Memorandum of Understanding

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