

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AGENDA BOARD LETTER**



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Department: **Public Works**  
Department No.: **054/02/04**  
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Traffic Section Manager

SUBJECT: Weight Limit Restriction on Bonita School Road in the Santa Maria Area; Fourth  
Supervisory District.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

C.A. Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Set a public hearing for **March 7, 2006** to consider introduction of an ordinance amending Section 23-13.5 of the Santa Barbara County Code, adding weight limit restrictions of 14,000 pounds gross on Bonita School Road in the Guadalupe area.
- B. Conduct a second hearing on **March 14, 2006** and adopt the attached ordinance, amending Section 23-13.5 of the Santa Barbara County Code.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with the following Goals: #2) Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure, and #5) Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & DISCUSSION:**

Bonita School Road connects State Route 166 in Santa Barbara County with Division Street in San Luis Obispo County. It crosses the Santa Maria River bed on a built up dirt roadway with a short bridge spanning 400 feet. It generally provides access to agricultural businesses along both sides of the roadway. This traffic consists of a wide variety of agricultural vehicles, including large trucks.

Recently, discussions of using Bonita School Road as a detour have arisen with regards to various remediation projects in the area. Bonita School Road was never structurally designed to handle the amount of truck traffic that this would create. To prevent this from occurring, the Public Works Traffic Section recommends prohibiting the use of Bonita School Road by any commercial vehicle exceeding a gross weight of 14,000

pounds. Exceptions to this restriction would include vehicles requiring ingress or egress by direct route to Bonita School Road. That is, vehicles over 14,000 pounds are allowed on Bonita School Road to get to local businesses and only if there is no other way to reach their destination. The alternate route for large truck traffic between Division Street and State Route 166 is State Route 1 through the City of Guadalupe and Highway 101.

The Public Works Traffic Section recommends prohibiting the use of Bonita School Road by any commercial vehicle exceeding a gross weight of fourteen thousand pounds.

**MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:**

This item is not expected to result in any mandates or service level changes.

**FACILITIES AND FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approximately \$1000.00 will be required and is available in Department #054\02\04 Account #7121 for sign installation.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Clerk of the Board shall complete noticing for the ordinance in the Santa Barbara News Press 10 days prior to the hearing.

Clerk of the Board shall publish a summary once within 15 days after the adoption of the ordinance.

Please provide one copy of the minute order/executed document for pick up to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Traffic Section.

**CONCURRENCES:**

County Counsel

Attachments: #1 Vicinity Map  
                  #2 Ordinance

c: PW Accounting  
File: C800.10 & C1700