



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
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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: Superseding Freeway Agreement US101 Padaro Lane to Olive Mill Road; First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: n/a

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve a Superseding Freeway Agreement on Route 101 from 0.7 mile south of Padaro Lane (PM 4.6) to Olive Mill Road (PM 10.5); 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 Superseding Freeway Agreement between the County and Caltrans for the US101 between 0.7 mile south of Padaro Lane (PM 4.6) and Olive Mill Road (PM 10.5). This agreement will modernize and replace agreements dating back to 1953 that do not reflect the current state of the infrastructure and related maintenance. The new agreement will consider the US101 widening project and associated parallel projects and allow for Freeway Agreements that delineate the various areas of 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 would maintain the roadway surface and striping, as well as any ancillary features like County roadway signs, pedestrian paths, etc.

With the current 101 widening and parallel projects there are many new features that require more definition about maintenance responsibilities. These include things like pedestrian walkways, roundabouts, landscaping, drainage systems that include biofiltration, lighting, and decorative elements. Approving a Superseding Freeway Agreement will allow vital parallel projects to proceed.

This agreement covers improvements planned or constructed by County, State, and SBCAG as part of the Highway 101 HOV/Rehabilitation Project and the parallel Coastal Access Improvements projects:

- Highway 101 HOV/Rehabilitation (State)
- Via Real Coastal Trail Enhancements (County)
- Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Improvements Project (County)
- Santa Claus Lane Bike Path Project (SBCAG)
- Wallace Ave Summerland Coastal Access Improvements Project (County)
- Padaro Lane Summerland Coastal Access Improvements Project (County)
- Sheffield Ave Undercrossing (State)
- Posilipo Lane Southbound Onramp (State)
- San Ysidro Roundabout and Olive Mill Roundabout Project (SBCAG/State)

The Freeway Maintenance Agreements with Caltrans is before your Board as a separate agenda item.

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: Superseding Freeway Agreement and Exhibit

Attachment B: Previous Freeway Agreements for the area

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