



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: May 8, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott McGolpin, Director of Public Works, 568-3010
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3005
SUBJECT: Construction of Storm Damage Repair on Paradise Road at Mile Post 2.5 North of State Highway 154, Third Supervisorial District; County Project No. 862326, Federal Project No. ER-5951(010)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Storm Damage Repair on Paradise Road in the Third Supervisorial District, County Project No. 862326, and Federal Project No. ER-5951(010);
- B. Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (c), pertaining to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation for the Storm Damage Repair on Paradise Road, County Project No. 862326; Federal Project No. ER-5951(010).

Summary Text:

This project is located on Paradise Road approximately 2.5 miles north of State Highway 154. The project will realign approximately 300 feet of Paradise Road, moving it away from the failing roadway embankment by cutting into the adjacent slope. The realignment includes 300 linear feet of new pavement including grading and restriping on Paradise Road.



Paradise Road Looking East at Mile Post 2.5

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the Department of Public Works has determined that this project is exempt from further environmental review. Approval of this CEQA Notice of Exemption will indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

Public Works will publish the "Notice to Bidders" prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the front counter, Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 and 620 Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455, at a date to be determined, will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Background:

The winter storms of 2004/2005 were heavy at times, especially in the Paradise Road area. The storms saturated soil and rock composing the steep embankment slope along Paradise Road at approximately 2.5 miles north of State Highway 154. The result of the saturated soil and rock caused failure/slide of approximately 300 feet of Paradise Road embankment. Emergency measures included relocating the existing K-rail to narrow Paradise Road down to one lane adjacent to the slide. Additionally, construction of temporary signals and signs were installed to control traffic in this section of Paradise Road and Fremont Drive.

This project will restore the two lanes of traffic in this section of Paradise Road and reduce future closures with a realignment of 300 linear feet of the roadway. The project had an extended design phase due to the sensitive environmental and archeological issues nearby, as well as working with multiple

federal agencies, including the US Forest Service on an agreement that would allow the project to proceed.

Construction traffic control measures will be implemented to balance the travel needs of the community with the need to provide safe work areas and operations during the realignment of Paradise Road. During most of the construction, the traffic will be controlled by flaggers with 15-minute delays and one-way reversing traffic, or two travel lanes with reduced lane width, depending on the phase of construction.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

See Narrative

Narrative:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will fund 88.53% of the project and the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) will fund 11.47%. FHWA and CalEMA funds have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2810 and Account 7510. To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, the construction funding will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches the Board for the award of a construction contract.

Special Instructions:

Please forward certified, stamped copies of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Attn: Gena Valentine Felix (extension 3064).

Attachments:

Categorical Exemption (CEQA)

Authored by:

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