

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Fifth District Supervisor Joseph Centeno

**STAFF CONTACT:** Robert Royster, Executive Assistant  
346-8400

**SUBJECT:** Support Letter: Hwy 101 widening in Santa Maria

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board: Authorize the Chair to execute a letter to the California Transportation Commission endorsing the Santa Maria 6-Lane widening project (Santa Maria - from 0.4 km south of Santa Maria Way U.C. to Rte 135/101 Separation - widen to 6-lane freeway).

The letter to be sent to:

California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Room 2221 (MS-52)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

**Mandates and Service Levels:** No Additional.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** None

## **Special Instructions:**

## **Concurrence:**

January 4, 2005

Mr. Joseph Tavaglione  
Chairman  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Room 2221 (MS-52)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Santa Maria Highway 101 6-Lane Widening Project

Dear Mr. Tavaglione:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara requests that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) fund the ready-to-go Santa Maria Highway 101 six-lane project when the CTC allocates \$400 million in transportation revenues in early 2005.

The California Transportation Commission selected the Santa Maria 6-lane project as one of its priority projects in the 2004 STIP when it placed it in FY 2004/05 with \$20.6 million for construction.

The project has been waiting for an allocation of STIP funding since November 2002, nearly a year ahead of schedule, thanks to the work done by our project partner Caltrans to expeditiously complete the environmental studies and construction plans. Due to the State's fiscal crisis, the CTC has not been able to allocate funds to this and other projects in the State for two years. Thus, the \$400 million in additional funding presents a small window of opportunity to deliver a needed transportation project in the Santa Barbara region.

The project is supported both at the State and regional levels. It is funded by Santa Barbara County's share of the STIP, the Regional Improvement Program, as well as Caltrans' Interregional Improvement Program in the STIP. A companion project scheduled for construction in 2010, the widening of the Santa Maria River Bridge on Highway 101 to 6 lanes, is funded by SBCAG, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and Caltrans. These agencies recognize that the Highway 101 corridor is vital to the Central Coast and that the highway and bridge projects will have a significant impact on reducing existing and future congestion problems on Highway 101 in North Santa Barbara County.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to working with you to make this project a reality. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about this matter or if we can be of additional assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Supervisor

Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Supervisor Joni Gray  
Supervisor Salud Carbajal  
Supervisor Susan Rose  
Supervisor Brooks Firestone  
Supervisor Joe Centeno  
Councilmember Marty Mariscal, City of Santa Maria  
Will Kempton, Caltrans Director  
Gregg Albright, Caltrans Dist. 5  
Jim Kemp, SBCAG  
Senator Abel Maldonado  
Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee

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## Santa Maria – Highway 101 6-Lane Project

- ▶ *In & near Santa Maria – Santa Maria Way undercrossing to Rt 135/101 separation at County line*
- ▶ *Widen freeway from 4 to 6 lanes*
- ▶ *\$20.0 mil RIP + \$3.3 mil IIP = \$23.3 mil*
- ▶ *Senate Dist 15, Assembly Dist. 33*

