



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:** January 26, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Modoc Road Multimodal Path Gap Closure Project (Phase I), 2nd Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve Modoc Road Multimodal Path Gap Closure Project (Phase I), Project No. 862416 and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction; and
- b) Find the Modoc Road Multimodal Path Gap Closure Project (Phase I) is exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15304(h) (as the proposed project(s) consists of the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes for the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way) and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda for project approval and to gain authority to advertise for construction for the Modoc Road Multimodal Path Gap Closure Project (Phase I). Phase I of this project will connect with the City of Santa Barbara's project currently under construction at the intersection of Calle de Los Amigos and Modoc Road and extend west to the intersection with Via Senda. The second phase of the project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2023 and will connect Phase I to the beginning of the Obern Trail at Encore Drive and Modoc Road.

**Background:**

The State administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) provides grants for projects that will improve access to pedestrian and bicycle related travel. In Cycle 4 Santa Barbara County received an award of over \$5.3 million to develop, design, and construct 1.1 miles of Class I multi-use path along the west side of Modoc Road. This proposed path was a companion project to the City of Santa Barbara’s (City) Las Positas Modoc Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Project currently under construction. Originally, the City planned to end their path at the intersection of Calle De Los Amigos and Modoc Road leaving users to cross Modoc at this uncontrolled intersection to continue west. The County’s project will continue the path on the west side of Modoc, but construction was not programmed until fiscal year 22/23.

Over the last several months County staff coordinated with the City to find a better terminus for the City’s project. Staff determined that continuing the path from Calle De Los Amigos into the County west to Via Senda, a 3-way stop controlled intersection, was the best solution. The County must expedite this section of the path by establishing Phase I in order to construct at the same time as the City’s project (See Attachment A).

The County’s Phase I project will be built entirely on existing right-of-way.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Construction Cost</u></b>
State Active Transportation Planning Grant	\$ 1,600,000.00
County Local Match (20%)	\$ 400,000.00
Total	\$ 2,000,000.00

**Narrative:**

The ATP will pay for approximately 80% of the project cost, and Measure A will fund the local match. The funds for this project are budgeted in Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, Department 054, Account 7510.

**Special Instructions:**

Please email or telephone Gail Ocheltree ([gochelt@cosbpw.net](mailto:gochelt@cosbpw.net)), extension 83094 for pickup:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Project Map
- Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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