



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: April 7, 2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Director, Department of Public Works, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director Transportation, Department of  
Public Works, 568-3064

**SUBJECT: Santa Rosa Road Bridge Replacement, Third Supervisorial District, Federal  
Project No. BRLSZD-5951 (095) County Project No. 863038**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Santa Rosa Road Bridge Replacement, County Project No. 863038;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for the Santa Rosa Road Bridge Replacement, County Project No. 863038; and
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Santa Rosa Road Bridge Replacement, County Project No. 863038.

**Summary Text:**

This project is located approximately one mile south of Buellton on Santa Rosa Road west of Highway 101. The project consists of removing the existing 400 foot long multi span steel plate girder bridge that was originally constructed in 1949 over Nojoqui Creek and replacing it with roadway embankment. In 1963 Caltrans constructed the Nojoqui Channel and realigned the creek east of Highway 101, thus

eliminating the need for a creek crossing at this location. The project will extend along Santa Rosa Road from Avenue of Flags (Highway 101 on/off ramps) south to the end of the first curve along Santa Rosa Road (Approximately 1200 LF). The majority of the existing roadway consists of two 11-foot paved traffic lanes with unpaved shoulders. The proposed project will have two 12-foot paved traffic lanes, 4-foot paved shoulders and 3 foot unpaved shoulders. The roadway will have guardrail along both sides. Santa Rosa Road will be closed at the project site during construction and a detour road will be constructed west of the existing roadway. Only minimal traffic delays are expected for the duration of construction.



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.

Approval by the Board of Supervisors will allow the Public Works Department to proceed with right-of-way negotiations on the following parcel: APN 137-180-017. The project will require a Temporary Construction Easement for the temporary detour road. The detour road will be removed at the end of construction.

The "Notice to Contractors" will be published 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, California 93101, and at the North County Public Works Office, 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, California 93455, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

**Background:**

The alternative of rehabilitating and seismically retrofitting the existing bridge at the project location was explored; however, it was determined that this alternative was not as cost effective as replacing the bridge with a roadway embankment. This bridge was scheduled for a seismic retrofit based on Caltrans recommendations. Caltrans had a bridge design consultant prepare retrofit plans and specifications. The retrofit involved extensive work on the steel superstructure and concrete substructure. After review of the estimates, it was determined that replacement of the bridge with a roadway embankment was more cost effective than the retrofit. It was also determined that maintenance costs for the roadway would be less than bridge maintenance. Graffiti has been a long term problem on this bridge, and by constructing the roadway embankment, the graffiti issue could be abated.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
Measure D			
State (Prop 1B)(Seismic)	\$803.00		\$1,835.00
Federal (HBP)	\$6,197.00		\$14,165.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00

Narrative:

The Total Right of Way costs are estimated to be \$16,000. Purchase of a Preliminary Title Report, appraisal, and county staff time for right of way acquisition and legal descriptions will cost approximately \$12,000. The Temporary Construction Easement will cost approximately \$4000.00. Funds needed have budgeted in Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account Number 7460.

Funding for all phases of this project will come from the Highway Bridge Program (HBP), a Federal program administered by Caltrans which will reimburse on an 88.53% basis. The remaining 11.47% for the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental phases will be provided by Measure D. Proposition 1B (Seismic) is expected to provide the remaining 11.47% for the Right of Way and Construction phases of the project.

To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, the construction funding will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
None

**FTEs:**  
None

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order approving these actions to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attention: Beverly Cross.

Please post a copy of the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval; such notice is to remain posted for 35 days.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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**cc:**