



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: May 19, 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 *EM*

MAY 19 2009

SUBJECT: Road Improvements on Tepusquet Road at Mile Post 5.9, Fifth Supervisorial District, Federal Project No. HRRRL-5951(116), County Project No. 860037

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

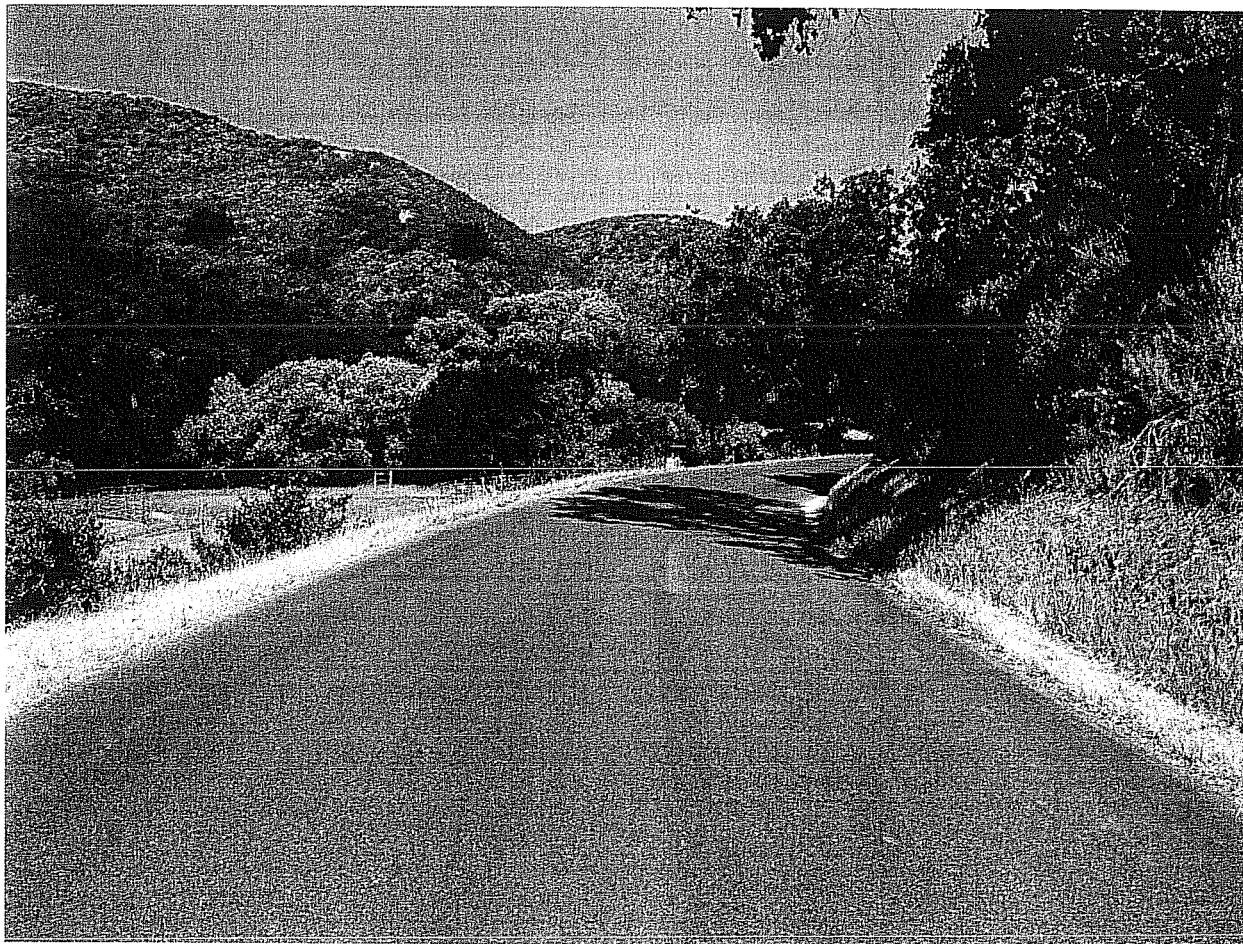
- A. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Road Improvements on Tepusquet Road at Mile Post (MP) 5.9, County Project No. 860037;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for the Road Improvements on Tepusquet Road at MP 5.9, County Project No. 860037; and
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Road Improvements on Tepusquet Road at MP 5.9, County Project No. 860037.

Summary Text:

This project is located on Tepusquet Road 5.9 miles north of Foxen Canyon Road east of the City of Santa Maria. This project proposes to improve driving conditions along an approximately 600-foot section of roadway on Tepusquet Road. Improvements would enhance geometric features of the roadway by widening and realigning it to increase sight distance. The existing pavement width within

the project limits varies between 16-feet and 22-feet. The proposed project will provide two uniform 11-foot travel lanes. Widening work will include grading, vegetation removal, and placement of erosion control measures. It is anticipated that fill will be placed along the existing fill slope and excavation will take place along the existing cut slope. Base material, asphalt concrete pavement, and unpaved shoulders will make up the improved roadway and shoulder areas.

During construction, traffic will be controlled with one-way reversible traffic control. Minimal traffic delays are expected for the duration of construction.



Existing Tepusquet Road at MP 5.9 - Facing North

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 131-210-019. The project will require a Permanent Easement to allow for the widening and realignment of the road.

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:

In March of 2007 the Department of Public Works applied for funding from the Federal Highway Administration's High Risk Rural Roads Program which is administered by Caltrans. In May of 2007 funding was approved and the Department began the process to proceed with preliminary engineering and environmental phases.

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)	\$500.00		\$2,600.00
Federal (HR3)	\$4,500.00		\$23,400.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 26,000.00

Narrative:

The total right of way costs are estimated to be \$26,000. Purchase of a preliminary title report, appraisal, and County staff time for right of way acquisition and legal descriptions will cost approximately \$16,000. The Permanent Easement will cost approximately \$10,000. Funds needed have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account Numbers 7460 and 8100.

The total FY 2008-09 right of way costs are estimated to be \$5,000 which is funding the purchase of a preliminary title report, appraisal, and County staff time for right of way acquisition and legal descriptions. Funds needed have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account Number 7460.

Funding for all phases of this project will come from the High Risk Rural Roads Program (HR3), a Federal program administered by Caltrans which will reimburse on a 90% basis. The remaining 10% is being provided by Proposition 1B funds.

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

Authored by:

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering Division
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s) Adjacent to 131-210-109 & 131-180-010

Project No. 860037

LOCATION

PROJECT TITLE Road Improvements on Tepusquet Road at MP 5.9

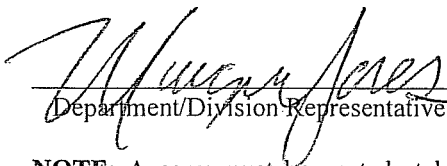
PROJECT DESCRIPTION. This project proposes to improve the driving conditions along an approximately 600-foot section of roadway on Tepusquet Road. The improvements would involve enhancing the geometric features of the roadway to allow for an increase in width. In order to provide the added width the work associated with the roadway improvements, including potential grading and vegetation removal, may result in the need for erosion control measures. Base material, asphalt concrete pavement, and unpaved shoulders are expected to make up the improved roadway and shoulder areas.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- Ministerial
 Statutory
 Categorical Exemption
 Emergency Project
 No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is safety enhancement consisting of a minor alteration of an existing County maintained road and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. The project has been determined to be exempt from Santa Barbara County P&D permit requirements and a NEPA Categorical Exclusion has been issued under Section 6004 based on existing land uses and where the actions were originally evaluated in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and surrounding circumstances that have not changed.


Department/Division Representative

April 14, 2009

Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

DATE FILE OF COUNTY CLERK