



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: September 22, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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: **Project Cooperative Agreement between the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the County of Santa Barbara for the Union Valley Parkway Interchange barrier walls, in the Orcutt area, Fourth District.**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Project Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments; and
- b) Find that the proposed approval and authorization of this Agreements, do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making) and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

Project Cooperative Agreement

Public Works and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) staff have been working towards an agreement to deliver a barrier wall project to complete the U.S. 101/Union Valley Parkway interchange project. The interchange project completed sound walls adjacent to homes in the unincorporated area only where required by regimented protocols. This left gaps in the wall that the proposed project will fill to make a continuous barrier between the freeway and adjacent homes. Public Works and SBCAG staff developed an agreement to deliver this project and is recommending that your board approve a formal cooperative agreement (Attachment A) to move forward.

Major points of this agreement are as follows:

- County agrees to be the lead agency for the project management, design and construction of barrier walls adjacent to the Union Valley Parkway (UVP) Interchange project, along the southbound on-ramp and along a portion of Woodmere Road parallel to US 101.
- SBCAG will fully fund, with Measure A savings from the UVP/101 interchange project, \$993,000 for the southbound barrier wall and \$634,000 for the Woodmere barrier wall, totaling \$1,627,000, 100% of the anticipated project cost. Funds may be reallocated between projects up to the \$1,627,000 total. Without full funding from SBCAG, the barrier wall project will not proceed.
- County will work with the Homeowners' Association (HOA) and Caltrans to obtain legal access to construct project.
- County will work with HOA to obtain legal agreements for ordinary and long term maintenance.
- If HOA do not agree to:
 - Accept ownership of excess land surrounded by HOA's property; and
 - Accept necessary ordinary and long term maintenance of barrier walls; and
 - Provide legal access needed to construct walls; and
 - Meet excess land, legal access and maintenance requirements deemed necessary by the County, for construction and long term maintenance of the new facilities; then

The project will be terminated.

- County will provide copies of all executed Agreements to SBCAG.
- County will only consider award of a construction project if total project costs are not anticipated to exceed approved funding.
- SBCAG has the right to audit County records during the course of the project, and up to 5 years after project completion.
- The Agreement shall remain in effect until discharged or terminated as follows.
 - The Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of the PARTIES or SBCAG's authorization to collect and expend Measure A funds is discontinued
 - This Agreement shall be discharged, and the PARTIES shall have no further obligation to each other, upon completion of the project as certified by County.

The Public Works Department is currently anticipating construction starting in 2016.

Santa Maria Creekside Homeowners' Association Agreement

The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department will need to reach agreement with the Santa Maria Creekside HOA. The major points of this agreement are as follows:

- HOA accepts ownership of excess land surrounded by HOA's property.
- HOA accepts necessary ordinary and long term maintenance of barrier walls.
- HOA provides County legal access needed to construct barrier walls.

The Santa Maria Creekside HOA has expressed willingness to take on the requirements of the project as noted in Attachment B. These letters would need to be followed up with formal agreements prior to project delivery proceeding.

Background:

On November 22, 2013 the Union Valley Parkway Interchange project was officially opened for public use. Shortly after construction completion, residents in the unincorporated neighborhoods of the Santa Maria Creekside Homeowners' Association neighborhoods expressed concerns about the increased traffic noise and visual impacts they were experiencing as a result of the interchange project opening. Their concerns were expressed to County staff, Caltrans, the North County Subregional Committee and SBCAG. On August 6, 2014, following discussion of these concerns, members of the North County Subregional Committee unanimously recommended that Measure A cost savings be used for project development and construction of barrier walls adjacent the Union Valley Parkway Interchange. On November 20, 2014 the SBCAG Board approved this recommendation. Measure A cost savings to be used resulted from lower than anticipated construction costs on both the US 101 Santa Maria River Bridge and Union Valley Parkway Interchange projects.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue FY 2015/16</u>
Measure A	
Southbound On-ramp barrier wall	\$993,000
Woodmere barrier mall	\$634,000
Total	\$1,627,000

Narrative:

This action will allow full reimbursement from SBCAG for a total amount of \$1,627,000 to the County for project development and construction of the barrier walls. If the board approves this action, the funds will be budgeted by the Public Works Department.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following to Public Works, Transportation, Attention: Blair Gilbertson, 568-3094:

- A) A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these Board actions.
- B) Two original signature pages for both Agreements; keep one for your file. Signature pages from SBCAG will be returned to you, once the agreement is fully executed.

Attachments:

- A) SBCAG Project Cooperative Agreement
- B) Santa Maria Creekside Homeowner's Association Commitment Letter
- C) Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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