



**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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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** August 19, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director  
Contact: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Transportation  
**SUBJECT:** **Modoc Multi-Use Path Phase II; Project No. 862416; Second Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management, CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications on file in the Public Works Department Office, for the Modoc Multi-Use Path Phase II Project; County Project No. 862416; Second Supervisorial District;
- b) Award the attached construction contract County Project No. 862416 in the amount of \$5,546,564, to the lowest responsible bidder, Granite Construction Company, 5335 Debbie Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111, subject to the provision of documents and certifications, as set forth in the specifications applicable to the project, as required under California Law;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached construction contract, which has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and Risk Manager, or their authorized representatives
- d) Authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to approve change orders for a contingency amount up to \$299,329 and supplemental items of \$190,000, for the construction of County Project 862416 for a total not to exceed authorization for the attached construction contract of \$6,035,893;
- e) Approve a Budget Revision Request No. 0010719 to increase appropriations of \$3,132,893 in Public Works Roads-Capital Maintenance Fund for Services and Supplies funded by State ATP Grant, CSA-3, General Fund, Measure A, and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation (RMRA) Funds; and

- f) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the proposed actions are within the scope of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003) and Mitigation Monitoring Program adopted by the Board upon approval of the project on November 1, 2022, and therefore no new environmental document is required. The Mitigated Negative Declaration (22NGD-00000-00003) can be found as Attachment A here:

<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5899178&GUID=538A10E0-EFAF-43F8-A8CF-2CC7A32769BE>

### **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to award the construction contract for Phase II of the Modoc Multi-use Path on Modoc Road.

On June 18, 2025, four bids were opened for Modoc Multi-Use Path Phase II; Project No. 862416; Second Supervisorial District. Pursuant to Section 3-1.04 "Contract Award" in the Special Provisions, the Department is awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Granite Construction Company submitted the lowest responsible bid of \$5,546,564, which is 4.7% above the Engineer's Estimate. The second lowest bid is 17.4% above the Engineer's Estimate. The difference between the lowest bid and the second low bidder is 12.7%.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award go to the lowest responsible bidder. The Department analyzed the bids and determined the lowest bid is both responsive and responsible. The Department recommends awarding this contract to Granite Construction Company.

### **Discussion:**

The proposed project will complete the regional path network, creating a connected system from the City of Santa Barbara to Isla Vista. This project is identified in both the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Regional Plan.

Modoc Road is a high-speed minor arterial in unincorporated Santa Barbara County with speed limits of 45 mph, no continuous ADA-compliant pathway, and a roadway shoulder primarily used by experienced bicyclists.

The project will construct Class I (multi-use) path along Modoc Road providing a safer experience for non-motorized users to share for commute and recreational travel. The new path will extend the existing Obern Trail from the western Encore Drive intersection to the intersection of Via Senda, where it will connect to the recently-completed Phase I section.

### **Background:**

This project is the second of two County phases that will complete the last gap in a multi-use trail that interconnects the region. Phase I was approved by your Board for construction on May 24, 2022 and construction was complete August 04, 2023. The completion of Phase II will create a continuous, separated facility for bicycles and pedestrians of all ages and abilities extending from Isla Vista to Arroyo Burro Beach and the City of Santa Barbara.

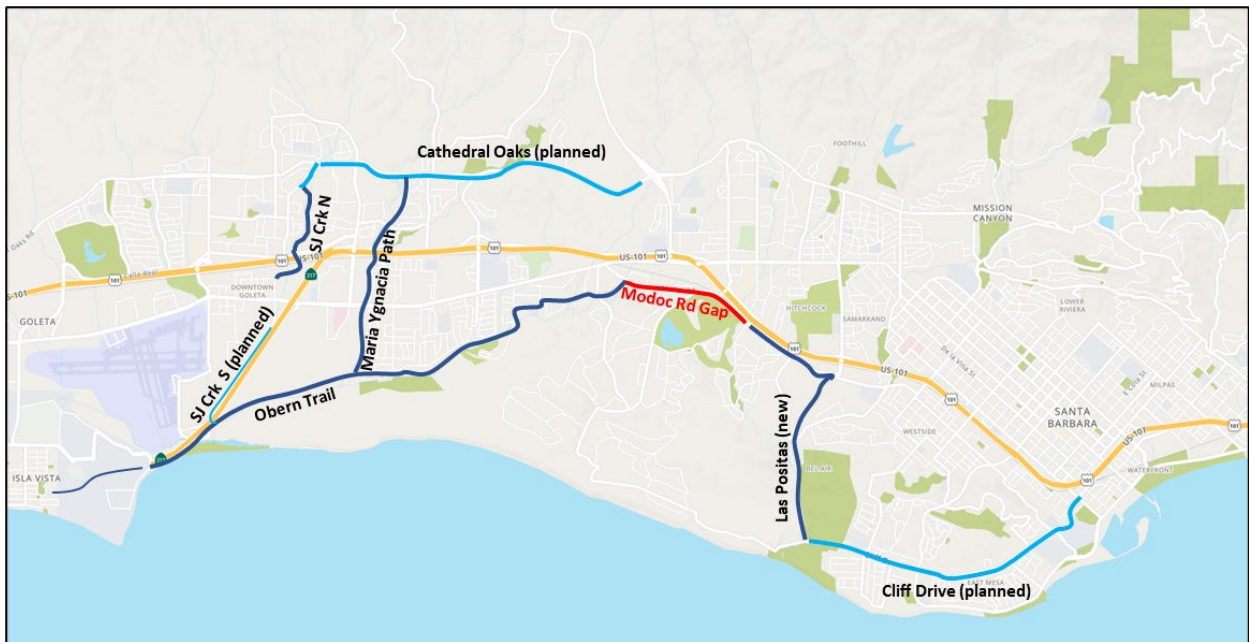


Figure 1: Modoc Multi-use Path gap infill

Two alignments were studied in preliminary design and environmental stages, Alignment A and B. Both along the south side of Modoc Road and roughly parallel with the roadway. The alignments were identical for much of the corridor. In the middle section (Figure 2) Alignment B separates from the roadway by roughly 10 feet meandering outside the County right of way and into the Modoc Preserve for approximately 1,600 feet, running between Vista Clara on the West, and Via Zorro on the east, then it continues east through the County right of way, ending at the intersection of Modoc Road and Via Senda.



Figure 2: Alignments A and B

The County received substantial feedback from a stakeholder group comprised of neighbors, bicyclists, pedestrians, equestrians, the property owner, Santa Barbara Land Trust (SBLT), La Cumbre Mutual Water Company (LCMWC) and others during the design process. While safety and mobility were the primary goals of the project, stakeholders agreed that for enhanced user experience and to preserve a row of Palm trees in the road right of way along Modoc, the preferred alignment would be on the LCMWC property (Alignment B) along the eastern stretch of that area. On November 1, 2022, your Board selected this as the preferred alignment and directed staff to seek an easement for the project. The easement area required to construct the project is encumbered by a conservation

easement held by SBLT. The department coordinated with LCMWC, SBLT, General Services, and Parks over the next two years, culminating with a three-party agreement that provided for acquisition of the easement for the preferred alignment. A Real Property Purchase Agreement and Escrow Instructions between the County, LCMWC, and SBLT that conveyed the County the necessary easements for the project was approved by your Board on November 5, 2024.

During Construction, the vehicular roadway will be narrowed, and the path will be built on the south shoulder. Traffic control will be provided as necessary, and delays are anticipated to be less than 10 minutes. Public Works will notify emergency response services and will use construction area signs to notify the traveling public.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes, with the approval of Budget Revision 0010719

The total cost of the project is \$6,535,893, which includes a construction contract of \$6,035,893 and an anticipated Construction Engineering (CE) costs of \$500,000. Approval of Budget Revision 0010719 will increase appropriations in the amount of \$3,132,893 to \$6,535,893. Fund for the project is budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Program 2830, Org Unit 0600, Account Line Item 7510.

A separate contract will come to your Board for the landscaping and irrigation as it is outside the scope of this contract with Granite Construction.

### **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY [25/26] CE Costs</b>	<b>FY [25/26] Construction</b>	<b>Total</b>
General Fund		\$1,064,180	\$1,064,180
State ATP Grant	\$141,000	\$2,475,000	\$2,616,000
CSA-3	\$200,000	\$785,649	\$985,649
Measure A	\$159,000	\$1,175,909	\$1,334,909
RMRA		\$535,155	\$535,155
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$6,035,893</b>	<b>\$6,535,893</b>

### **Special Instructions:**

Please forward the following to Ashley Kruzel in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, akruzel@countyofsb.org:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations
- One duplicate original executed contract signature page for 862416. One original executed contract to be filed with the Clerk of the Board.
- Original, fully executed Special Provisions signature sheet for 862416. Please keep a copy for your records.
- Original, fully executed Title Sheet. Please keep a copy for your records.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Granite Construction Company Contract, Project No. 862416

**Attachment B** – Original signed Special Provision Sheet, Project No. 862416

**Attachment C** – Original signed Title Sheet, Project No. 862416

**Attachment D** – Budget Revision Request No. 0010719

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