

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Bell Street Bridge Replacement Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 01-ND-41;
Third Supervisorial District; County Project No. 862042

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (01-ND-41) pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as adequate environmental review for the Bell Street Bridge Replacement project; and
- B. Adopt the mitigation monitoring program included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration as conditions of project approval; and
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Bell Street Bridge Replacement (Project No. 862042).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No.1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The project is located on Bell Street between Highway 101 and State Highway 135 in the rural area northwest of Los Alamos. The project would replace existing Bridge 51C-157, which has outlived its normal 50-year life. The existing eight-span structure would be replaced with a shorter 96-foot single-span design. The work also includes construction of new approaches on each side of the bridge and rock slope protection. Bell Street Bridge would be closed approximately six months for construction.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), prior to approving the project, the decision-making body (Board of Supervisors) shall consider the proposed negative declaration together with any comments received during the public review process. The decision-making body shall approve the negative declaration if it finds on the basis of the initial study and any comments received that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Approval of this negative declaration shall indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.



Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 requires the County to adopt a reporting and monitoring program for the changes to the project, which it has adopted or made a condition of approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The approved project description and conditions of approval, with their corresponding monitoring requirements, are hereby adopted as the monitoring program for this project.

At this time Public Works is beginning preparation of project plans, specifications, and estimates. The "Notice to Contractors" will be published prior to the date set for the opening of bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the Public Works Conference Room, Santa Barbara County, Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

The project was approved by your Board in the FY 01/02 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No mandate or service levels are affected by this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There will be no fiscal impact with this action. This project is funded by the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRR).

Special Instructions:

Please forward a Certified Minute Order approving this action to Sophia Rodriguez in the Public Works Department Engineering Section.

Concurrence:

None required.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 01-ND-41