



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
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**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** May 09, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** **Receive Donated Funds from Santa Maria Joint Union High School District for Non-Essential Flashing Signals in the Fourth Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution directing and authorizing the Public Works Director or his designee to receive \$20,000 in funds from the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District in the Orcutt area for the purchase and installation of non-essential flashing signals at crosswalks, Fourth Supervisorial District; and
- b) Find the proposed actions are for the operation and maintenance of an existing public facility, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that, which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301, and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Public Words Director or his designee to receive \$20,000 in funds from the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District for the purchase and installation of flashing signals at the crosswalks on Foster Road at Woodland Street, and on Foster Road at Glenview Drive. Government Code section 25355 permits the Board of Supervisors to delegate to any county officer the power to accept gifts to or in favor of the Board for any public purpose.

**Background:**

In September of 2015, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHSD) requested a flashing signal for the marked school crosswalk on Foster Road at Woodland Street. Public Works Traffic Engineering Staff conducted a study at this crossing and based on the current County, State, and Federal warrants; justification for installing a flashing signal was not met and the existing traffic control devices did meet current County, State, and Federal standards.

However, Public Works agreed to permit the flashing signal installation on Foster Road at Woodland Street under the conditions that SMJUHSD share the purchase and installation cost, as well as purchase and installation costs of a second flashing signal on Foster Road at Glenview Drive, which is a similar crossing located less than 300 feet to the east. County Staff determined the flashing signals would not decrease public safety.



**Vicinity Map**

Public Works and SMJUHSD agreed to purchase two push-button-activated solar rectangular rapid flashing beacon systems. Each system will have flashing beacons at the marked crossing located on both sides of the street facing both directions with school symbol signs and downward arrow plates. SMJUHSD will donate \$20,000 toward the purchase and installation of the solar rectangular rapid flashing beacons. Public Works has agreed to procure and install the devices.

Public Works surveyed the proposed traffic control locations described in this Board Letter and found it to be in the best interest of the communities and the traveling public to install the proposed traffic controls. It would involve negligible or no expansion of use of existing facilities. Public Works recommends your Board's approval of the attached Resolution to implement these traffic controls and find the approval is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15301.

If approved, the project is estimated to begin in early June and to be completed in early July, 2017. Public Works will be in communications with both the local schools and emergency services with the goal of minimizing traffic impacts. Up to 10 minute delays can be expected during certain phases of the project.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

SMJUHSD	\$20,000	\$20,000
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**Narrative:**

Public Works estimates a total project cost of \$32,000. SMJUHSD will fund \$20,000, and Public Works would install the systems. This work will be programmed in Department 054, Program 2340, Org 0200, Account 7121.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped minute order and copy of the executed Resolution to:

1. Gary Smart, Public Works Transportation Engineering Section, 123 E. Anapamu Street x3308
2. Gail Ocheltree, Public Works Transportation Engineering, 123 E. Anapamu Street, x3094

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Resolution to receive funds from Santa Maria Joint Union High School District.

Attachment B: Memorandum of Understanding

Attachment C: Traffic Control Devices Plan

Attachment D: Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

Gary Smart, Public Works – Transportation Engineering, x3308

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