



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:** February 7, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Director Public Works: 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation; 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** **Removals and Additions to the County Maintained Road System; Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution removing from the County Maintained Road System an impassable portion of Lompoc-Casmalia Road and accepting into the County Maintained Road System the listed new roadway segments;
- b) Adopt the attached Resolution establishing the total mileage included in the County Maintained Road System; and
- c) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment), and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to update the list of roadway sections in the County Maintained Road System. The deletion of an impassable section of Lompoc-Casmalia Road and the addition of new roadway segments will result in a newly calculated total mileage for the County Maintained Road System. The new mileage total will be reported and certified to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the purposes of determining the County's share of State road maintenance funds.

**Background:**

Removal of Lompoc-Casmalia Road

Streets and Highways Code § 954 permits your Board to designate as stock trails and remove from the County Maintained Road System the unused sections of Lompoc-Casmalia Road shown in Attachment A. The County has not expended any public money on maintaining these sections of Lompoc-Casmalia Road since they became impassable in 1995. Therefore, according to Streets and Highways Code § 954, the sections of Lompoc-Casmalia Road in Attachment A are unnecessary and may be designated stock trails by your Board. After a stock trail is established or designated, the mileage of that trail is no longer included in the County Maintained Road System and the County is not liable for incidents that occur on that section of roadway.

The unused sections of Lompoc-Casmalia Road located in the Third Supervisorial District just north of Vandenberg Air Force Base, as listed in Attachment A, have been impassable to vehicular traffic since 1995 when storms caused San Antonio Creek to overtop and flood the road. By the time the road was scheduled to be repaired, the vegetation and habitat had become substantial. The environmental effects of clearing the road were explored and deemed cost prohibitive at the time. In April 2004, per direction from the Board, the County prepared a cost analysis and feasibility study to reestablish the road. The study indicated the two alternatives for reopening and maintaining Lompoc-Casmalia Road included either: significant dredging up and down stream of the road to allow for proper water conveyance, at an estimated cost of \$8.5M; or build a new structure that would span San Antonio Creek entirely, at a cost of \$15.5M. The third alternative included directing traffic to available, adequate alternate routes, at minimal cost to the County. The County opted to proceed with the third alternative. These alternate routes are available and have been utilized effectively, for over a decade.

Acceptance of Various New Roadway Segments

A list of new roadway segments located in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts are also included in Attachment A and recommended by Public Works for addition to the County Maintained Road System. From time to time, Public Works requests the Board to add to the County Maintained Road System roads that developers of tracts and other projects report have been constructed to the County's public road standards and classified as Collectors or above, providing maximum public benefit. County Transportation Division personnel have inspected these roads and recommend their addition to the County Maintained Road System.

County Maintained Mileage Certification

Attachment B requests your Board to take action intended to satisfy Streets and Highways Code § 2121. Annually, Streets and Highways Code § 2121 requires the County to report to Caltrans any additions or exclusions from the total mileage of the County Maintained Road System for the purpose of maintenance funding allocation. The removal and addition of road segments results in a new total maintained roadway mileage. Caltrans requires that the adjusted maintained roadway mileage total be certified by your Board and reported to them for the purposes of road maintenance funding allocations partially based on the total number of roadway miles maintained by the County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

**No Impact**

Budgeted: No

**Special Instructions:** Clerk of the Board, please distribute as follows:

One duplicate original of each Executed Resolution (2) and a certified, stamped of the Minute Order to Public Works, Attn: Gena Valentine Felix, ext. 3064.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Resolution - Removal and Acceptance

Attachment B: Resolution - Changes in Mileage

Attachment C: Notice of Exemption

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