



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: December 11, 2012
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: (Estimated Time 10 minutes Staff; 30 minutes total)
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: **Jonata Park Road Bridge 51C-226 Replacement (New No. 51C-356) Project; Federal Project BROS-0083(017); County Project No. 863002; Third District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) 12NGD-00000-00008, (Attachment 1) for the Jonata Park Road Bridge 51C-226 replacement project and certify the MND has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- B. Certify that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND 12NGD-00000-00008, as well as written comments received during the public comment period, prior to the approval of the project, and adopt the CEQA Findings (Attachment 2);
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct the Jonata Park Road Bridge 51C-226 Replacement (New No. 51C-356) Project; Federal Project BROS-0083(017); County Project No. 863002; Third District
- D. Pursuant to CEQA Section 15074, adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Plan (Attachment 2A of the Board letter for the MND) for this project.

Summary Text:

Several properties on the north side of Jonata Park Bridge 51C-226 count on this structure as their only ingress and egress route. Caltrans inspected the bridge, built in 1916, and determined it is functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and should be replaced. The bridge's structural integrity is deteriorating. If left unaddressed the bridge will likely be load limited in the near future, followed by full closure as the bridge loses the ability to support live traffic loads. This project will improve safety and insure reliability of the Jonata Park Road crossing of Zaca Creek by building a new bridge using 100% state and federal funding for construction.

As part of the design process, the Public Works Department prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to evaluate the environmental effects of the Jonata Park Road Bridge 51C-226 replacement project. This project will span the existing bridge with a new longer structure that raises the roadway profile. This will improve the roadway profile while minimizing the historical and environmental impacts of the project. This project also requires no right of way acquisition, as the bridge and roadway will be contained within existing County right of way.

An Initial Study and Negative Declaration (ND) were completed in 1999 (99-ND-6) and approved by your Board on March 28, 2000 for the replacement of both bridges on Jonata Park Road spanning Zaca Creek (51C-225 and 51C-226). The current Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration have been prepared as an update to the 1999 ND, to address changes in the project and environmental conditions since 1999. This Final MND was prepared in accordance with the requirements of State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs §1500 *et seq.*).

Upon approval of the environmental document and authority to advertise for bids to construct this project, the Department will move forward with the process of bringing this project to construction. During construction, traffic will be limited to one lane using a temporary traffic signal. Periodic temporary road closures up to four hours will be required to facilitate construction. Adjacent landowners and the traveling public will be notified of these events one week in advance. These limited, short term closures allow for use of pre-cast bridge elements that will reduce environmental impacts and compress the overall construction schedule, shortening the overall impacts of construction activities.

Public Works will publish the "Notice to Bidders" prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the front counter, Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101 and 620 Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud.



Background:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA and acting as lead agency under CEQA, the Public Works Department has prepared the MND to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed bridge replacement project. Potentially significant impacts in the areas of Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Water Quality, Noise, Fire Protection, will be reduced to less than significant with mitigation. To mitigate potential significant impacts, measures such as, but not limited to, the development of an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, Fugitive Dust Emission Control Plan, and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, as well as pre-construction biological

surveys and ongoing environmental monitoring during construction would be employed. The new structure will span the entire existing bridge which will avoid major environmental impacts. Leaving the existing bridge intact and avoiding impacts to the creek habitat area makes the current design the environmentally preferred alternative. With the implementation of these and other measures included in the MND, residual impacts would be less than significant.

Public/Regulatory Outreach:

On June 12, 2012, the Draft MND was released for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period was extended for 30 days to accommodate an adjacent property owner that indicated they did not receive the Notice of Intent to adopt the MND. The public comment period concluded on August 13, 2012. Comment letters were received from the California Department of Fish and Game Service, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, and William and Ingrid Russell of 1926 Jonata Park Road.

Staff considered the comments and modified the MND accordingly. Comment letters and responses to comments are included in Appendix A of the MND.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Funding for this project will come from the Highway Bridge Program (HBP), a Federal program administered by Caltrans which will reimburse on an 88.53% basis. Toll Credits will provide the remaining 11.47% for the Construction phase of the project.

To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, the construction funding amount will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract. The funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2820, Account 7510.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified, stamped minute order approving these actions to the Public Works Engineering Section office, Attn: Ron Bensel.

Attachments:

1. [Proposed Final MND \(12NGD-00000-00008\) \(Attachment 1\)](#)
2. [CEQA Findings \(Attachment 2\)](#)
3. [Mitigation Monitoring Plan \(Attachment 2A\)](#)

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