

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Black Road Bridge Replacement Project (Bridge No. 51C-031), County Project Number 863013. Final Environmental Impact Report 04-EIR-00004. Fourth Supervisorial District.

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Certify the Environmental Impact Report (04-EIR-00004) pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as adequate environmental review for the Black Road Bridge Replacement Project (Bridge No. 51C-031) (Attachment A);
- B. Adopt the CEQA Findings dated September 16, 2004 and approve the project;
- C. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan;
- D. Authorize Public Works to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for the Black Road Bridge Replacement Project, County Project Number 863013, and;
- E. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise bids for the Black Road Bridge Replacement Project, County Project Number 863013.

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:

Background and Project Description: The proposed project is located 3.0 miles northwest of the unincorporated North County area of Orcutt and spans Orcutt Creek in the Fourth Supervisorial District. Approval for funding has been granted through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program (HBRR) and Measure “D” Funds. The bridge was built in 1943 and has outlived the structure’s normal serviceable life span of 50 years. Additionally, it does not meet current design standards because of structural deficiencies. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing 26 foot long, 30 foot wide bridge, with a new concrete slab bridge supporting two 12 foot travel lanes and 5 foot shoulders.

CEQA: The current project meets the conditions for the application of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15161 (Project EIR). The environmental impacts of the proposed Black Road Bridge Replacement have been analyzed in 04-EIR-00004. The EIR determined that with mitigation, impacts in the following issue areas would be reduced to less than significant (Class II) levels: Aesthetics/Visual Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, Noise, and Water Quality. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (Attachment C) has been prepared as required by Public Resources Code Section 21081.6. Pursuant to CEQA Section 15091, findings have been made to address the impacts of the project (Attachment B). The project has been included in the past years Capital Improvement Plan and shall be consistent with the Orcutt Community Plan and the County’s Comprehensive Plan.

Cumulative Impacts: The Black Road Bridge project as part of a full build out in the Orcutt Community Plan would have limited and mitigable cumulative impacts to biological resources due to the fact that the new bridge has a slightly larger footprint than the existing structure. The larger footprint of the new structure will result in a minor increase in incremental potentially significant, adverse, and unavoidable impacts by approved development within the entire Orcutt Community Plan Area. To address the project’s minor contribution to cumulative impacts, avoidance and minimization measures are included in the EIR and in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (Attachment C).



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Right-of-way: Approval by the Board of Supervisors will allow the Public Works Department to proceed with right-of-way negotiations on parcel number 111-240-030.

General Information: The “Notice to Contractors” will be published prior to the date set for the opening of the 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 and at the North County Public Works office, 2400 Professional Parkway, Suite 150, Santa Maria, California, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud. The project was approved as part of the 03/04 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Direction by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRR) will provide 80% of the total project cost with the remaining 20% coming from Measure D. The funds have been budgeted in Dept 054, Fund 0015, Prog. 2050, Org. 0014, Acct. 7460.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified minute order approving this action to the Public Works Department Transportation Division, Engineering Section, attention: Beverly Cross, ext. 3094.

Concurrence:

None required

Attachments:

Attachment A: Final Environmental Impact Report #04-EIR-00004.

Attachment B: Findings Pursuant to CEQA Section 15091.

Attachment C: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.