



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: December 11, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064

SUBJECT: **Appoint the Director of Public Works as the County Director of Transportation, and Authorize Agreements for Clark Avenue/U.S. 101 Intersection Improvements, Fourth District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Appoint the Director of Public Works as the County Director of Transportation;
- B. Authorize Public Works to enter into agreements with Caltrans for oversight and design support for the Clark Avenue at U.S. 101 interchange improvements; and
- C. Find that the proposed action(s) do not constitute a project within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), continuing administrative or maintenance activities such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making, and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The County is preparing a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Clark Avenue/U.S. 101 Intersection and Ramp Improvements Project. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65086.5, Caltrans, as the owner and operator of the State Highway System (SHS), reviews and approves the PSR for the Clark Avenue/U.S. 101 Intersection and Ramp Improvements Project as reimbursed work. A cooperative agreement acts as the contract for Caltrans to provide such services as requested by the County. Caltrans requires that each phase of project development for projects on the SHS have an executed cooperative agreement in place. The scope of work for each phase of project development are detailed and agreed to in cooperative agreements. Per Government Code Section 65084, the Board of Supervisors may authorize the County Director of Transportation to sign these. This resolution and the recommended action would appoint the Public Works Director as the County Director of Transportation,

and allow him or her to sign these agreements for the various phases of work required to design and construct projects on the SHS.

Background:

In August 2012, the County applied for and was awarded partial funding to construct the Clark Avenue/U.S. 101 Intersection and Ramp Improvements Project. In October 2012, Caltrans and County staff formed a Project Development Team to develop and design the Clark Avenue/U.S. 101 Intersection and Ramp Improvements Project. The project proposes to improve the intersection by modifying the northbound on and off ramps and signalizing the intersection. To obtain conceptual approval for the modification of the SHS, Caltrans requires development of a PSR. The County, as lead agency, is responsible for developing the PSR. Caltrans will review and approve the PSR, and will continue to review and ultimately approve the final project design through a series of cooperative agreements at each phase of project development.

Grants received for the project require a compressed schedule for project delivery. Authorizing the Public Works Director to sign cooperative agreements for the various project phases will help expedite project delivery for this, and for future projects.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

This project and the associated PSR are budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830. These actions provide the authority to enter into cooperative agreements to perform budgeted work.

Special Instructions:

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

Gena Valentine Felix, Public Works Transportation Division; 123 E. Anapamu Street, x3064

Brittany Heaton; Public Works Transportation Engineering Section; 123 E. Anapamu Street, x3035

Attachments:

Resolution

Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

Brittany Heaton, Project Manager, Public Works – Transportation Engineering, 568-3035

cc: