



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: 11/17/2020
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Time: 20 minutes on 12/15/2020
Continued Item: N/A
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development
Director (805) 568-2086
Contact Info: Daniel T. Klemann, Deputy Director, Long Range Planning
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SUBJECT: Orcutt Community Plan Amendment/Union Valley Parkway Road Connection

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors (Board):

On November 17, 2020, set a hearing for December 15, 2020, to consider the County Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt a general plan amendment, Case No. 18GPA-00000-00001, amending the text and circulation map of the Transportation section of the Orcutt Community Plan to include a new local road connection to the U.S. Highway 101/Union Valley Parkway interchange, which is located in the Orcutt Community Plan Area, Fourth Supervisorial District.

On December 15, 2020, the Boards' action should include the following:

- a) Make the required findings for approval of the proposed general plan amendment, Case No. 18GPA-00000-00001, including CEQA findings.
- b) Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Case No. 19NGD-00000-00013, for the proposed general plan amendment.
- c) Adopt a resolution to approve the proposed general plan amendment, Case No. 18GPA-00000-00001, amending the text and circulation map of the Transportation section of the Orcutt Community Plan to include a new local road connection to the U.S. Highway 101/Union Valley Parkway interchange.

Please refer the matter to staff if the Board takes other than the recommended actions for the development of appropriate materials and/or a report on the budgetary and other impacts that the Board's actions would have on the Long Range Planning Division Work Program.

Summary Text:

The Board directed the Planning and Development Department to initiate an amendment to the Orcutt Community Plan to show a new local road connection between the U.S. Highway 101/Union Valley Parkway interchange and the adjoining frontage road on the east side of U.S. Highway 101, commonly known as Rodeo Drive. The road connection would provide a second point of access to the Elks Unocal Event Center, Santa Maria Joint Unified High School District Career Technical Education Center (under construction), agricultural operations, and other existing uses east of U.S. Highway 101. Therefore, the road connection would improve access to the area, relieve congestion, and improve public safety and emergency vehicle access.

The proposed general plan amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the Orcutt Community Plan, and does not raise policy, environmental, or other planning issues. The amendment has broad support from local agencies, community organizations, and nearby property owners. On October 14, 2020, the County Planning Commission unanimously (5-0) recommended that the Board approve the amendment.

The proposed road connection is in its initial phase. The County must complete numerous tasks and obtain additional reviews and approvals from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and other agencies to complete the final road design and set the stage for construction. The proposed amendment and accompanying concept drawing, preliminary engineering report, and traffic impact study mark the end of the project's conceptual planning phase and the beginning of the engineering phase.

Staff will provide additional information and supporting documents on the proposed amendment before the Board hearing on December 15, 2020.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Funding for this project consists of one-time cannabis tax revenues and is budgeted in the Planning and Development Department's Long Range Planning Division Budget Program on page D-294 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2020-2021 adopted budget. There are no facilities impacts.

Special Instructions:

The Planning and Development Department will satisfy all noticing requirements.

The Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of the minute order and an executed copy of the resolution to the Planning and Development Department, attention Allen Bell.

Authored by:

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