

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 1/05/06  
**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054/02/02  
**Agenda Date:** 1/17/06  
**Placement:** Administrative

**Continued Item:** NO

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
Public Works Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Bret Stewart, Ext. 3232  
Traffic Section Manager

**SUBJECT:** Construction of Countywide School Zone Sign and Striping Upgrades, All Supervisorial Districts; County Project Number 862257.

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## RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Construction of countywide school zone sign and striping upgrades, County Project Number 862257;

## ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Number 1: An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this project is to improve the pedestrian and bicycle safety in school zones throughout the County by updating and refreshing signage and striping. Of the 53 school zones in the unincorporated area of the County, it is estimated that approximately 47 could be improved with this funding. This project will also provide additional signage to support AB 1886, which is the California State Assembly bill which allows the collection of double fines for traffic violations within school zones.

The project will consist of bringing all school area signs and striping up to the latest color and reflectivity standards at all locations which have not yet had this upgrade, as well as refreshing existing traffic control delineation.

A total of \$400,000.00 in funding for this project has been programmed in the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (Project No. PPNO: 1201). The Department is in the process of requesting construction funds for the project prior to the end of the fiscal year, which would place the project on the pending allocation list. As part of the request for funds a CEQA determination is required.



This project construction will occur entirely within existing roadways, and pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, staff has determined the project is exempt from further environmental review. Approval of this Categorical Exemption shall indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

**MANDATES AND SERVICE LEVELS:**

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

**FISCAL AND FACILITIES IMPACTS:**

The funding for the project is provided entirely by the State Transportation Improvement Program. No local match is required on this project. The funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Org. 0001, Program 2900, and Account 7510.

This project may have a minor additional impact to facilities due to the additional maintenance on any new signs which will be covered under the current Traffic Operations budget, Fund 0015, Program 2200, and Account 7121.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please provide a stamped certified copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations for pick up to the attention of Kathleen Dowd in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division. Please post a copy of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board for 6 days prior and remain posted for 35 days after project approval.

**CONCURRENCE:**

None

**Attachment:** Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption