



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: June 6, 2017  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**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:** Olive Mill Road and San Ysidro Intersection Improvement Projects Memorandum of Understanding, First Supervisorial District

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**Outside Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding for Santa Barbara County Association of Governments to reimburse the City of Santa Barbara and County of Santa Barbara for the environmental and preliminary engineering phase of the Olive Mill Road Intersection and San Ysidro Road Intersection improvement projects, respectively, in the First Supervisorial District, at a cost not to exceed \$850,000; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, 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 the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) to reimburse the City of Santa Barbara (City) and County of Santa Barbara (County) for the environmental and preliminary engineering phase of the Olive Mill Road Intersection and San Ysidro Road Intersection improvement projects, respectively, at a cost not to exceed \$850,000.

To expedite the process for both the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Interchanges, the City and County Public Works Departments initiated and completed Intersection Control Evaluations (ICE) in coordination with Caltrans. Both studies show the existing interchanges will experience vehicle queuing onto the mainline freeway once the US 101 widening project is completed if improvements are not constructed to enable

the interchanges to handle the increase traffic flows created by freeway capacity enhancement. The studies demonstrate these safety issues at both interchanges can be avoided with the installation of roundabouts at both locations. Caltrans has concurred, based on the information generated to date, roundabouts are the most viable solution.

With the completion of the ICE process, the next step is to conduct a preliminary design and environmental review process. The purpose of the MOU with SBCAG and the City is to outline these next steps, the roles of each agency, and the funding for this phase of the project. SBCAG staff has identified a funding source left over from a US 101 Operational Improvements Federal earmark.

This funding allows these projects to progress with the first stages of preliminary design and environmental work, better defining the ultimate projects, their impacts, and estimated construction costs. The amount of this work that can be complete with available funding will depend upon factors such as how the Caltrans review and approval process is implemented, what type of environmental document is required, and consultant proposal estimate for the various tasks required for design and environmental work on these projects.

**Background:**

In January 2014, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Board directed its staff to work with local agencies to advance three projects on the local roadway system adjacent to and affected by the US 101 corridor widening project. The adopted SBCAG Board policy on these projects states that staff and the US 101 Corridor Advisor shall, “Concurrently, simultaneously and on a parallel path [to the US 101 widening project] work with the affected jurisdictions on the San Ysidro, Olive Mill and Cabrillo Railroad Bridge Projects on design, planning and identification of needed funding.” Based on that Board direction, SBCAG staff has coordinated with City and County staff to develop ways to proceed with these projects, including staff participation and funding for design. Caltrans staff has also actively participated in the development and review of these projects.

The City and County have completed conceptual studies of improvements at the Olive Mill Road and San Ysidro Road Interchanges. The agencies are now ready to begin preliminary engineering and environmental review for the projects.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Budget Category</u></b>	<b><u>City of Santa Barbara (Olive Mill)</u></b>	<b><u>County of Santa Barbara (San Ysidro)</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Consultant Fees	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$800,000
Agency Management	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Total	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$850,000
Budget Share %	50%	50%	100%

**Narrative:**

Approximately \$850,000, including up to \$50,000 for local agency management, would be available to fund the next phase of work for both the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Interchanges. The cost of local agency management in excess of \$50,000 is not covered by the MOU. SBCAG would reimburse the City and County for each of the projects.

Identified funding will not be adequate to complete the engineering and environmental phases for both projects. Once the \$850,000 has been exhausted, SBCAG will need to secure new funding to complete the engineering and environmental phases, and for the cost of construction.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving these Board actions and two duplicate original executed documents to Public Works, Transportation, 123 East Anapamu Street, Attn: Gena Valentine Felix, x3064.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Memorandum of Understanding (3 Duplicate Originals)

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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