

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Construction of Gibraltar Road Retaining Walls at M.P. 0.41, 0.53, 0.8, 0.9, 1.1, 1.6, 2.2, and 2.7 First Supervisorial District; County Project Number 05STRM

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Construction of Gibraltar Road Retaining Walls at M.P. 0.41, 0.53, 0.8, 0.9, 1.1, 1.6, 2.2, and 2.7, County Project Number 05STRM;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Construction of Gibraltar Road Retaining Walls at M.P. 0.41, 0.53, 0.8, 0.9, 1.1, 1.6, 2.2, and 2.7.

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:

This project is located along Gibraltar Road between the Santa Barbara City limits and 2.7 miles north of the city limits. This roadway experienced severe damage during the heavy winter rains, much of which has been repaired. The remaining storm damage locations require the installation of earth retaining structures. Due to the steep slopes the proposed work consists of drilling into the down sloped slip out areas and setting steel piles in relatively shallow concrete footings. Consequently, each of these piles will be tied back into the existing ground below the roadway to provide adequate pull out resistance and support for the wall. Wood members (lagging) will be placed in between each steel pile and will make up the face of wall. The retaining

wall construction will require full road closures for periods of time ranging from two to four hours at a time during some operations and a single lane during the remaining construction operations. Flagging will be required during the construction periods to provide the public with safe passage during the period of single lane traffic. Advance notification will be provided for the periods of full road closures.



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.

The “Notice to Contractors” will be published prior to the date set for the opening of bids.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Public Works front counter in the County Engineering Building, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101, and at the North County Public Works office, presently located at 2400 Professional Parkway, Suite 150, Santa Maria, California 93454, and will be opened publicly and read aloud at a date to be determined.

This project was approved by your Board as part of the FY05/06 Measure D Program of Projects for the County of Santa Barbara.

Mandates and Service Levels:

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will fund 75% of the project with State Office of Emergency Services (OES) funding 18.75%, the remaining 6.25 % funds are provided by the General Fund in accordance with your Board’s decision on the FY 05/06 Measure D Program of Projects. FEMA and OES

funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Org. 0014, Program 2050, and Account 7511. The remaining funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Org. 0014, Program 2050, and Account 7510

Special Instructions:

Please forward copies of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to Beverly Cross in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division Engineering Section. Please post a copy of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board for 30 days after project approval.

Concurrence:

None

Attachments:

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption