



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: September 7, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: Yes – from 8/10/10
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Prohibiting the Use of a Portion of Harris Grade Road by Certain Vehicles; Third & Fourth Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding prohibiting the use of a portion of Harris Grade Road by certain vehicles, Third, and Fourth Districts, as follows:

- a) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance adding Section 23-13.11 to Chapter 23 of the Santa Barbara County Code, prohibiting the use of a portion of Harris Grade Road by certain vehicles in the Lompoc area; and
- b) Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (c), pertaining to maintenance and operation of existing facilities, for this project.

Summary Text:

Harris Grade Road is a two-lane road that runs north and south between State Route 1, north of Lompoc and State Route 135, south of Orcutt. The 4 northern-most miles of Harris Grade Road, south of State Route 135, have many sharp curves. Signs are posted to inform drivers that semi-trailers are not advised.

In 2008, the Public Works Department received a request to restrict trucks from using the northern 4 miles of Harris Grade Road. The Department investigated the road and determined that most advisory conditions were adequate and no restrictions were needed, but that advisory signage at the south end needed modification. At that time the Department relocated the existing sign and added new signs.

In October 2009, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) requested that the County restrict semi-trailers on Harris Grade Road because of an increase in call-outs on the road involving semi-trailers. Accident

data also show a significant increase in collisions involving semi-trailers in the last year. From 2000 through 2008, there were 4 collisions involving semi-trailers; there were 4 in 2009 alone. Based on this collision history, the Department determined that the sharp curves on Harris Grade Road are a safety concern, and a length restriction should be imposed. The Department recommends prohibiting semi-trucks, and vehicles with trailers over thirty feet in total length, from using Harris Grade Road between Burton Mesa Boulevard and State Route 135.

Once posted, this restriction will upgrade the “semi-trailers not advised” condition on Harris Grade Road to a regulatory condition enforceable by the CHP. Violators will be subject to a fine of \$100.00.

Background:

The Section 21101(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows local authorities, by Ordinance or Resolution, to adopt rules and regulations prohibiting the use of particular highways by certain vehicles.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: State Gas Tax	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00

Narrative:

The cost to post the new signage is \$3,500. These costs are budgeted in Department 054, Org 0400, Program 2330, Account 7655.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
None

FTEs:
None

Special Instructions:

1. Clerk of the Board shall publish a summary (one time) within 15 days following the adoption of the Ordinance.
2. Please forward 1 copy of the certified, stamped minute order and executed document to the attention of Bert Johnson, Public Works Department, Traffic Section, ext. 8787.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance

Authored by:

Bert Johnson, Traffic Engineering Associate III, ext. 8787

cc:
 PW Accounting
 File: C1500 & C1800