



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: July 17, 2007  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Interim Public Works Director, 568-3064  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Dace Morgan, Interim Deputy Director – Transportation 568-3064  
**SUBJECT: Project and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approval for the  
Tepusquet Low-water Crossing Replacement, Fifth Supervisorial District, County  
Project No. 862248**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (7NGD-00000-00005) pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as adequate environment review for the Construction of the Tepusquet Road Bridge at the Sisquoc River, Fifth Supervisorial District, County Project No.862248; and
- B. Adopt the mitigation monitoring program included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration as conditions of project approval; and
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to begin Right-of-Way negotiation upon completion of the National Environmental Policy Act.
- D. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for Construction bids for the Tepusquet Road Bridge at the Sisquoc River, Fifth Supervisorial District, County Project No. 862248.

**Summary Text:**

The project is located approximately three miles east of the town of Sisquoc between Foxen Canyon and Santa Maria Mesa Road in Santa Barbara County. The existing low-water crossing consists of an earthen fill with seven-four foot diameter culverts. The highpoint of the roadway is approximately 12 feet above the existing river bed elevation and is approximately 480 feet in length. Steep grades, which affect sight distance, are present at the channel banks as Tepusquet Road descends to this crossing. The south bank is well defined and is approximately 32 feet above the low flow crossing. The north bank is

roughly 22 feet high and is less defined. The roadway approaches are paved and consist of two nine foot lanes with no shoulders.

The proposed project consists of the replacement of the Tepusquet Road Low-water crossing with a multi span bridge over the Sisquoc River. The new bridge will have two 12-foot wide lanes and 5-foot wide shoulders. The total bridge length will be 689 feet with concrete bridge railings with tubular railings suited for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The total length for roadway reconstruction is approximately 880 feet.



**Photo: Existing Low-water crossing washed out.**

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), prior to approving the project, the decision-making body (Board of Supervisors) shall consider the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) together with any comments received during the public review process. The decision-making body shall approve the MND if it finds on the basis of the initial study and any comments received that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Approval of this MND shall indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 requires the County to adopt a reporting and monitoring program for the changes to the project which it has adopted or made as condition of approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The approved project description and conditions of approval, with corresponding monitoring requirements, are hereby adopted as the monitoring program for this project.

Approval by the Board of Supervisors will allow the Public Works Department to proceed with right-of-way negotiations on the following parcels: APN's 129-210-031, 129-220-024, 129-210-026

A "Notice to Contractors" for the purposes of advertising the project for construction will be published prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the Public Works Conference Room, Santa Barbara County, Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California and at the North

County Public Works office 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, California, at a date to be determined, and will be opened and publicly and read aloud.

**Background:**

The purpose of the project is to eliminate interruption of vehicular service during the rainy season when the low-water crossing is impassible. The Tepusquet Road Bridge would allow for year-round access to local and regional traffic as well as emergency service 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	\$3,040.00		
State			
Federal HBP	\$23,460.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 26,500.00	\$ -	\$ -

The Highway Bridge Program (HBP) will fund 88.53% of the project with the County of Santa Barbara General Fund funding 11.47%. The HBP and General Fund monies have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0015, Org. 0011, Program 2900 and account 7510. The purchase of Preliminary Title Reports and appraisals will cost the County approximately \$26,500.00. To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, the construction funding will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
None

**FTEs:**  
None

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order approving these actions to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attention Beverly Cross.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Final Mitigated Negative Declaration 7NGD-00000-00005

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**