



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: September 21, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director Scott McGolpin, Department of Public Works, 568-3010

Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064

SUBJECT: Summerland Circulation Improvements Project - Phase 2B, County Project No. 862308

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Summerland Circulation Improvements Project, Phase 2B, County Project No. 862308, and the Notice of Exemption, pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (c), pertaining to maintenance and operation of existing facilities.

Summary Text:

The Phase 2B project is the fourth of a multiphase project, located along Lillie Avenue through the town of Summerland. The purpose of this project is to improve the pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle circulation by constructing a retaining wall, sidewalks, curb, gutter, crosswalks, street lighting, and delineating a bike lane on Lillie Avenue.

This phase of the project consists of concrete curb, gutter, and infill of sidewalks within the existing road right of way on Lillie Avenue (between Valencia and Greenwell Avenues). ADA compliant concrete crosswalks and two streetlights at three intersections, for a total of six streetlights, are also included for safety. The construction of sidewalks and a retaining wall adjacent to the rear yards of 2549 & 2535 Varley Avenue, which will range in height from 9 to 12 feet, will require the removal of 13 eucalyptus trees. The new infill sidewalks will vary from 4 to 5 feet in width.



Lillie Avenue - looking west (at 2549 & 2535 Varley Avenue frontage)

Staff has determined that this project is exempt from further environmental review, pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines. 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.

Background:

The Phase 2B project is the next phase for this multiphase project. The conceptual plan report produced in January of 2001, documented the four community workshops held with the Summerland Citizens Association in the latter part of 2000. This report was commissioned to continue implementation of the Summerland Community Plan (established in 1992), coordinate the implementation of the recently completed Phase 1, 2A, and ARRA funded projects, and help pursue funding for the unfunded portions of the Phase 2B project. As part of the design process (Phase 1, 2, [2A and 2B] and ARRA), staff held additional community workshops from late 2006 through mid 2007. Staff met with members of the Summerland Citizens Association, Summerland Beautiful, local property and business owners, as well as local architects and members of the County Board of Architectural Review to arrive at the most acceptable design.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funded a portion of the previously unfunded Phase 2B project. The Director of Public Works accepted the 2009 ARRA Summerland Circulation Improvements Project as complete on April 28, 2010. Public Works has programmed an additional two million dollars to fund the remaining portion of the Phase 2B project for FY 2010/2011 in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). However, due to the uncertainty of the STIP funding, construction is also included in FY 2011/2012 of the County 2010-2015, 5-year Capital Improvement Program on Page B-150. Public Works also programmed funds for this portion of Phase 2B in the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The Department is in the process of completing the design and requesting construction funds. The California Transportation Commission requires a CEQA determination as part of the funding request. Once the Board approves the project, the Department will request construction funds. We anticipate that the California Transportation Commission will place the County on a pending allocations list. Due to the State budget difficulties, it is unknown at this time when the County will actually receive these construction funds. Public Works will approach the Board to request the authority to advertise the project, once we receive the funds.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative:

Public Works anticipates construction funding for this phase of the project to come from a pending allocation by the State of California programmed STIP. The Board approved this project as part of the County of Santa Barbara 2010-2015 Five Year Capital Improvement Program, as shown on Page B-150.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

None

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this recommendation to: the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attn: Beverly Cross, x 3094

Please post a copy of the CEQA Notice of Exemptions with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval; such notice is to remain posted for 35 days.

Attachments:

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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