



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: October 17, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5 vote

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Directors: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation 568-3064
SUBJECT: **Senate Bill 1 Baseline Funding Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and the County of Santa Barbara for the Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector, First Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrences: CEO Budget, Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for the Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector through June 30, 2027;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Baseline Agreement as attached, or with minor modifications and County Counsel concurrence, with SBCAG, Caltrans, and the California Transportation Commission to receive funds awarded for the implementation of the Highway 101 Multimodal Corridor project from Cycle 1 of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1 Funding);
- c) Approve County Project No. 864054 Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector, First Supervisorial District;
- d) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0009344 to establish appropriations of \$220,000 in the Public Works Capital Infrastructure Fund for Services and Supplies funded by Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) dollars (\$160,000) and the release of Measure A Restricted Purpose Fund Balance (\$60,000), and
- e) Find that the proposed project is exempt from environment review under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15304: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not

involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees for (h) the creation of bicycle lanes on existing right of way, and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for the Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector and to enter into a Project Baseline Agreement (Agreement) that will allow the County, SBCAG, and Caltrans to receive State Senate Bill 1 (SB1) grant funding for 101. To receive SB1 funding, the County must be part of the Project Baseline Agreement. This requirement is part of the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Accountability and Transportation Guidelines, which define reporting for cost and schedule adherence, among other requirements to maintain a high level of accountability for these funding programs.

County Project No.864054 Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector will complete a gap closure in the California Coastal Trail (CCT) and Pacific Bike Route (PBR) in Summerland/Montecito to improve accessibility and safety. The existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities along North Jameson Lane in Montecito will be connected to an existing Class 1 facility over Ortega Hill into the community of Summerland through construction of an approximately 500' multi-purpose path connection.

Background:

In April 2017, Governor Brown signed SB1, which provides the first significant, stable, and on-going increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades. SB1 includes three competitive programs to help deliver transformative projects statewide: Local Partnership Program, Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. In October 2017, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced calls for projects for these three new competitive programs with the total available funding for Cycle 1 being approximately \$2.6 billion over a period of three to four funding years. By February 2018, SBCAG had submitted applications for funding for all of the programs totaling \$184 million in funding. SBCAG requested the funds to deliver segments 4A to 4C of the Highway 101 HOV Widening and for coastal access improvement and mitigation projects required as part of implementing the Highway 101 project. On April 25, 2018, SBCAG and Caltrans were notified the CTC would be recommending for approval the full \$184 million in funding for the Highway 101 project. On August 14, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved a Baseline Funding Agreement as attached, or with minor modifications and County Counsel concurrence, with SBCAG, Caltrans, and the California Transportation Commission to receive funds awarded for the implementation of the Highway 101 Multimodal Corridor project.

During the construction of the adjacent Highway 101 work at the Sheffield Interchange and along the existing Ortega Hill Bikeway, the County identified the need to improve the connection for safety benefits to bicyclists and pedestrians. SBCAG and the County have a SB 1 Baseline Agreement with the CTC to deliver the project with funding provided in part from the Solutions for SCCP. Under the SB 1 Baseline Agreement, SBCAG is to receive SCCP funds for this project, and the County as the implementing agency would be responsible for completing the project. SBCAG and the County have agreed to enter into a MOU to document funding and implementation efforts for the project and ensure that all phases, including the project approval and environmental document, plans, specifications, and estimates, and construction phases are completed.

The MOU and Agreement will be heard at the SBCAG Board on October 19, 2023.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

SBCAG will contribute \$1,000,000 in SCCP funding for the construction phase and \$160,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding for the project approval and environmental document, plans, specifications, and estimates. Measure A funds will be used for the local match for this project in the amount of \$110,000, \$60,000 will be budgeted in the current fiscal year . Approval of Budget Revision Request No. 0009344 will establish appropriations for the current fiscal year in the amount of \$220,000. Funds for this project will be budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2830, Account 7510.

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
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| SCCP | | | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| RSTP | \$ 160,000.00 | | \$ 160,000.00 |
| Measure A | \$ 60,000.00 | | \$ 110,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 220,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,270,000.00 |

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to mail the minute order and three duplicate original copies of the partially executed MOU and Agreement to Yanette Luna, Public Works Transportation, 123 E Anapamu St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. One fully executed original copy of the MOU and Agreement to be returned by the Clerk of the Board upon full execution.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and the County of Santa Barbara for the Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector

- Exhibit E: Project Programming Request
- Exhibit F: Baseline Agreement

Attachment B: BJE 0009344

Attachment C: Notice of Exemption

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