



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: May 20, 2025
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Chris Sneddon, Public Works Department (805) 568-3010
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to 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

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for the Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project to increase the SBCAG funding amount by \$260,000 for a revised total not to exceed amount of \$2,670,000, with a term through December 31, 2027; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making).

Summary Text:

On October 19, 2023, the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project and a Project Baseline Agreement (Agreement) that allowed the County, SBCAG, and Caltrans to receive State Senate Bill 1 (SB1) grant funding for two segments of the U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor Project (Segments 4D South and 4E South). The proposed

Amendment No.2 to the MOU was heard and approved by the SBCAG Board on April 17, 2025. Amendment No. 2 addresses the need for additional pre-construction efforts required for the project as a result of increased scope related to utility coordination, right of way support for easement acquisition, lighting design, and other items of work.

The Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project is one of five local projects included with the U.S. 101 project, to receive SB1 funding. The County is required to 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 Project includes extending the Ortega Hill Class I Multi-Use Path, which terminates where the path intersects Ortega Hill Road, approximately 500' to the west to the stop-controlled intersection of North Jameson Lane and Sheffield Drive. The Project will provide a dedicated path for cyclists where no bike facilities currently exist and allows cyclists to avoid two uncontrolled intersections with poor sight distance due to horizontal and vertical curves at both Ortega Hill Road and Sheffield Drive.

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 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 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 an SB 1 Baseline Agreement with the CTC to deliver the project with funding provided in part from the 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 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.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Costs</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Costs</u>
SCCP			\$ 2,250,000.00
RSTP	\$ 170,000.00		\$ 420,000.00
Total	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,670,000.00

Narrative:

Approval of the amended MOU will increase the SBCAG contribution by \$260,000, bringing the total SBCAG funding to \$2,670,000. SBCAG will contribute \$2,250,000 in Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) funding for the Construction phase and \$420,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding for the project approval and environmental documents, plans, specifications, and estimates. No budget adjustments are required until we award the construction contract. Funds for this project will be budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Project 864054, Program 2830, Account 7510 & 7666.

Special Instructions:

Please email to Public Works - Transportation, Ashley Kruzel, akruzel@countyofsb.org, a minute order and signed MOU.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Amendment No. 2 to 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

Attachment B: Amendment No. 1 to MOU

Attachment C: Original MOU

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