



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:** January 20, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Amending the Functional Classification of Union Valley Parkway in the Fourth Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

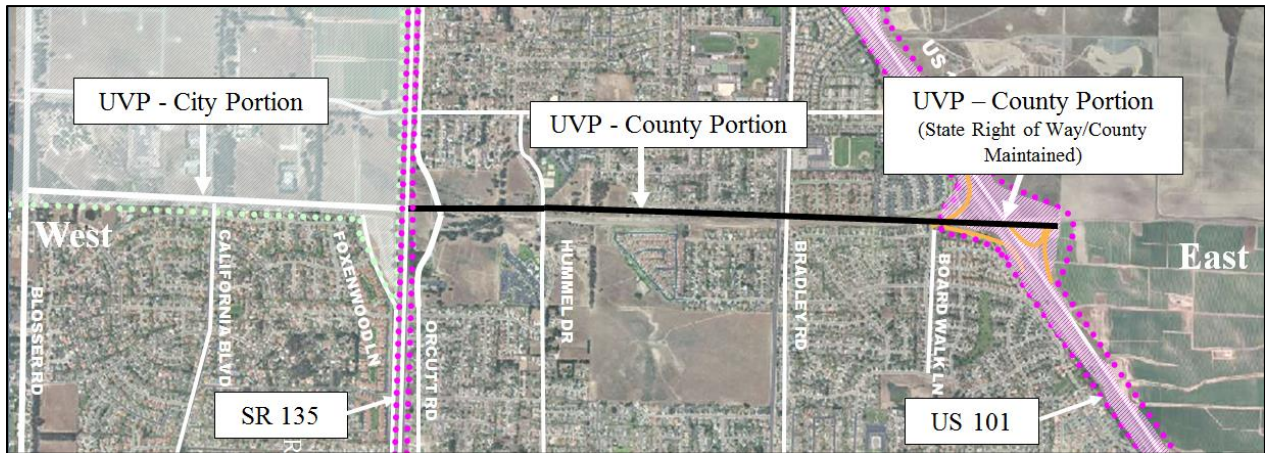
**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the attached Resolution approving the submittal of a Functional Classification Change to the State of California, Department of Transportation for Union Valley Parkway, within the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, to be designated a Principal Arterial; and
- B. Find that the proposed actions are for the operation and maintenance of existing public facilities, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c), and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

Union Valley Parkway (UVP) currently extends from US 101 (on the east) to Blosser Road (on the west). From US 101 to SR 135, UVP is within the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County. From SR 135 to Blosser Road, UVP is within the City of Santa Maria limits. This recommended board action is only for the portion of UVP within the County's portion (See Figure 1, UVP Corridor below).



**Figure 1 – UVP Corridor**

The County’s portion of UVP was opened late last year from Highway 101 to Highway 135. It carries over 12,000 vehicles a day. Currently, the State classifies UVP as a minor arterial from Boardwalk to Hummel Drive. From US 101 to Boardwalk Lane and from Hummel to SR 135, UVP has no classification as they are newly built segments. To change the classification of a local road in the County’s jurisdiction, the County must submit to the Caltrans District Coordinator a Functional Classification Change Request Form, a Marked-up California Road System (CRS) Map showing proposed changes, a Resolution from the Board of Supervisors supporting the request, and a Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), concurrence letter. The SBCAG concurrence letter would be requested after the Board of Supervisors approval.

Public Works recommends that your Board adopt the attached Resolution approving the submittal of a Functional Classification Change to the State of California, Department of Transportation for UVP to be designated a Principal Arterial, and find the approval of this road reclassification exempt from CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15301.

**Background:**

Our nation’s roadway system is a vast network that connects places and people within and across national borders. Planners and engineers have developed elements of this network with particular travel objectives in mind. These objectives range from serving long-distance passenger and freight needs to serving neighborhood travel from residential developments to nearby shopping centers. The functional classification of roadways defines the role each element of the roadway network plays in serving these travel needs.

Over the years, functional classification has come to assume additional significance beyond its purpose as a framework for identifying the particular role of a roadway in moving vehicles through a network of highways. Functional classification carries with it expectations about roadway design, including its speed, capacity, and relationship to existing and future land use development. Federal legislation continues to use functional classification in determining eligibility for funding under the Federal-aid program. Transportation agencies describe roadway system performance, benchmarks, and targets by functional classification. As agencies continue to move towards a more performance-based management approach, functional classification will be an increasingly important consideration in setting expectations and measuring outcomes for preservation, mobility and safety.

The County’s desired functional classification can be found in the community plan if one exists. Orcutt Community Plan which was approved July 22, 1997 shows UVP as a P2 Major Arterial. The California Road System (CRS) map currently classifies UVP as a minor arterial from Boardwalk to Hummel Drive.

From US 101 to Boardwalk Lane and from Hummel to SR 135, UVP currently has no classification as they are newly built segments. The reclassification of these portions will require no change to the Orcutt Community Plan.

Public Works has surveyed the location described above, and determined that the reclassification of UVP to a Principal Arterial would be in the best interest of the communities and the traveling public. The proposed reclassification would involve negligible, or no expansion of use of existing facilities.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Total One-Time Project Cost</b>
Road Fund	\$0

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

No funds will be needed from district road maintenance funds.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped minute order and one copy of the executed Resolutions to Steven Manuel; Public Works, Transportation Engineering Section; 620 Foster, Santa Maria; (805)739-8762

**Attachments:**

- Vicinity Map
- Classification Table
- Resolution
- Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**

- PW Accounting
- PW Engineering