



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: August 30, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Union Valley Parkway/Woodmere Barrier Project, County Project No. 862381;
Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the project, Union Valley Parkway/Woodmere Barrier Wall Project; County Project No. 862381, Fourth Supervisorial District;
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct the Union Valley Parkway/Woodmere Barrier Wall Project, County Project No. 862381; Fourth Supervisorial District;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Project Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Maria Creekside Homeowners Association; and
- d) Find that the proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities that the proposed project is therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the project, authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct, and to request that the Board approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Project Cooperative Agreement between County of Santa Barbara, Public Works Department (COUNTY) and Santa Maria Creekside Homeowners Association (ASSOCIATION).

Project Description

The project consists of constructing two barrier walls in the Santa Maria Valley area (See Figure 1 below– Project Vicinity).



Figure 1 – Project Vicinity

Union Valley Parkway (UVP)/US 101 Barrier Wall – This barrier wall would be constructed along a short segment of UVP and adjacent to the southbound UVP/US 101 interchange on-ramp. It is estimated the wall would be 4 to 8 feet tall and 800 feet long. The wall is proposed to be of masonry block construction and located on what is currently in the State of California’s right-of-way. The project would be built on a retaining wall foundation. After construction, the barrier wall excess land described in the Cooperative Agreement will be transferred from the State to the County and then from the County to the Association.

Woodmere Barrier Wall – The “Woodmere Barrier” consists of three segmented barrier walls that will fill gaps in an existing berm system parallel to the U.S. 101. The barriers will be constructed between Woodmere Drive and U.S. 101, in between existing berms. The estimated height of the Woodmere Barrier Wall is estimated to be between 5-7 feet tall. The cumulative length of the three barrier walls is approximately 600 feet.

Project Cooperative Agreement

COUNTY and ASSOCIATION have been working towards an agreement to deliver a barrier wall project to complete the UVP/US 101 interchange project. The interchange project completed sound walls adjacent to homes in the unincorporated area only where required by regimented protocols. This left gaps in the wall that the proposed project will fill to make a continuous barrier between the freeway and adjacent homes. COUNTY and ASSOCIATION have developed an agreement to deliver and to maintain this project. It is recommended that your Board approve a formal cooperative agreement (Attachment A) to move forward.

Major points of this agreement are as follows:

- COUNTY agrees to be the lead agency project management, responsible for the design and construction of PROJECT.
- COUNTY shall be responsible for obtaining all rights, entitlements and permits necessary to complete the PROJECT.
- After construction of the walls, COUNTY will transfer ownership of the walls to ASSOCIATION who will assume full ownership and all responsibilities for the walls.
- In no event shall expenses incurred by ASSOCIATION be considered eligible for reimbursement by COUNTY or SBCAG.
- SBCAG is a funding partner contributing Measure A funds to COUNTY to complete PROJECT.
- To complete the respective walls, ASSOCIATION agrees to:

UVP/US 101 Barrier Wall

- Provide COUNTY legal access to construct barrier wall on ASSOCIATION property;
- Accept ownership of excess land; Area 1 and Area 2 (See Figure 2 – Approximate limits of excess land); and
- Accept ordinary and long term maintenance of barrier wall.



Figure 2
Approximate limits of excess land

Woodmere Barrier Wall:

- Provide COUNTY legal access to construct barrier wall on ASSOCIATION property; and
- Accept ordinary and long term maintenance of barrier wall.

The Public Works Department is currently anticipating construction starting in 2017.

Background:

On November 22, 2013 the UVP Interchange project was officially opened for public use. Shortly after construction completion, residents in the unincorporated neighborhoods of ASSOCIATION expressed concerns about the increased traffic noise and visual impacts they were experiencing as a result of the interchange project opening. Their concerns were expressed to COUNTY staff, Caltrans, the North County Subregional Committee and SBCAG. On August 6, 2014, following discussion of these concerns, members of the North County Subregional Committee unanimously recommended that Measure A cost savings be used for project development and construction of barrier walls adjacent the UVP Interchange. On November 20, 2014 the SBCAG Board approved this recommendation. Measure A cost savings to be used resulted from lower than anticipated construction costs on both the US 101 Santa Maria River Bridge and the UVP/US 101 Interchange projects. On September 22, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors took action to approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a Project Cooperative Agreement with SBCAG to fully fund project and to define responsibilities between SBCAG and County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue FY 15/16-17/18</u>
Measure A	
UVP/US 101 Barrier Wall	\$993,000
Woodmere barrier mall	\$634,000
Total	\$1,627,000

Narrative:

This project is fully funded by Measure A, through SBCAG for a total amount of \$1,627,000. This funding is provided to the COUNTY for project development and for the construction of barrier walls. Funds for construction have been budgeted for FY 2017/2018 in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account 7510.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following to Public Works, Transportation, and Attention: Blair Gilbertson, 568-3094:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these Board actions.
- Two duplicate original signature pages from the Project Cooperative Agreement; keep one original for your file.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Cooperative Agreement (3 originals)

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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cc: Project File

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