

Other Concurrence: Purchasing As to form: Yes

## **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure traffic control, flagging operations, and work zone set-up for Public Works projects from Statewide Traffic Safety & Signs, Inc. (a Tri-County vendor), without being required to conduct a formal bid process, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per year through June 30, 2027.
- b) Determine that the proposed actions are not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15378(b)(2), as it involves administrative and other general policy and procedure making activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

## Summary Text:

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Board may waive competition for purchases in excess of \$25,000 where there are limitations on the source of supply, necessary restrictions in specification, or other valid reasons. The purpose of this item is to authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding for procuring traffic control, flagging operations, and work zone set-up within Santa Barbara County. This waiver is recommended in order to ensure timely access to these supplies in the event of a disaster.

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## **Background:**

The Public Works Transportation Division maintains 1,650 lane miles of roads in the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County. Timely access to traffic control, flagging operations, and work zone set up is critical for Public Works to achieve its mission, "to efficiently provide, operate and maintain Public Works infrastructure, facilities, and services to make everyday life as safe and convenient as possible for the public we serve".

Public Works is recommending that the Board authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure traffic control, flagging operations, and work zone set up from the vendor listed in the table below.

Vendor	Annual Limit	Location of Use
STATEWIDE TRAFFIC SAFETY & SIGNS, INC. (Tri-County Vendor)	\$250,000	Locations in South, Central, and North County

This waiver is recommended for a single source to ensure timely access to these supplies in the event of a disaster. In the past, portions of the County have been inaccessible during disasters such as storm events, fires, and accidents. The Department needs access to this traffic safety supplier located both north and south of Gaviota to ensure access to road repair materials during disasters. In addition, the Department utilizes the vendor closest to the job site, with the specific material needed available, to reduce transportation costs and ensure integrity of the delivered material. With the remote locations of some County-maintained roads, access to the nearest supplier is critical. The source vendor from the above list will be able to deliver as needed on road work zone setup.

## Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: All work and related expenditures for materials are included in the FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget for Department 054, as part of operations and capital maintenance activities. Annualized on-going expenditures will be included in future year budgets.

# Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this item to:

- 1) Public Works, Transportation Administration, 123 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 Attention: Ashley Kruzel, 568-3064
- 2) General Services, Purchasing Division, 260 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attention: Phung Loman, 568-2697

## Attachments:

None

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cc: Project File