



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: January 9, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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: Memorandum of Understanding between City of Goleta and the County of Santa Barbara for the San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path from the Obern Trail to City Limits; Freeway Maintenance Agreement between Caltrans and the County of Santa Barbara for the San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path from the Obern Trail to City Limits; and Resolution of Change Revising the SR217 Freeway Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans; Second Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrences: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with City of Goleta for the San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path from the Obern Trail to City Limits;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Freeway Maintenance Agreement - Sandspit UC, Goleta ATP Bike Path 05-1K630 with Caltrans;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Resolution of Change with Caltrans revising the State Route 217 (SR217) Freeway Maintenance Agreement to reflect the construction of a Class I Bike Path along SR 217 and for the undercrossing of SR 217; and
- d) Find that the recommended actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Goleta (City), to authorize a Freeway Maintenance Agreement (FMA) with Caltrans, and to execute a Resolution of Change for the San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path. In January 2019, the City received a State Active

Transportation Plan (ATP) grant to design and construct the San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path from Calle Real to the Obern Trail. The City of Goleta is the implementing agency for this project however a portion of the project is within County jurisdiction therefore it is necessary to establish maintenance agreements with the City and Caltrans.

Background:

The San Jose Creek Bike Path is one of the City’s ATP projects which will construct a multipurpose path adjacent to San Jose Creek connecting areas north of U.S. Route 101 with the Class I Atascadero Creek Bikeway (Obern Trail) east of State Route 217. The purpose of the Project is to close the multipurpose path gap in the regional active transportation network. The Project will provide a direct and continuous route for bicyclists and pedestrians from north of Calle Real to commercial and residential areas within Goleta Old Town and to the existing Class I Atascadero Creek Bikeway providing access to Goleta Beach Park, the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) and to the City of Santa Barbara.

The southernmost 1500 linear feet of the project falls within the County of Santa Barbara’s jurisdiction. Under this MOU with the City of Goleta, the County shall be responsible for maintaining all elements covered by the Freeway Maintenance Agreement (FMA) between Caltrans and the County in the County’s jurisdictional area south of the undercrossing shown in Figure 1. The City directed the City Manager to enter into this MOU with the County at their September 19, 2023 Council meeting.

Also, before your Board is a resolution requesting Caltrans revise the SR 217 FMA to reflect the construction of the bike path along SR 217 and between the San Jose Creek bridge and the western Goleta city limit. The County’s maintenance responsibilities include: bike path drainage, bike path surface, exterior curb, pedestrian railing, nonstructural elements of the SR 217 pedestrian undercrossing including graffiti removal, as well as the removal and cleanup of encampments from persons experiencing homelessness.

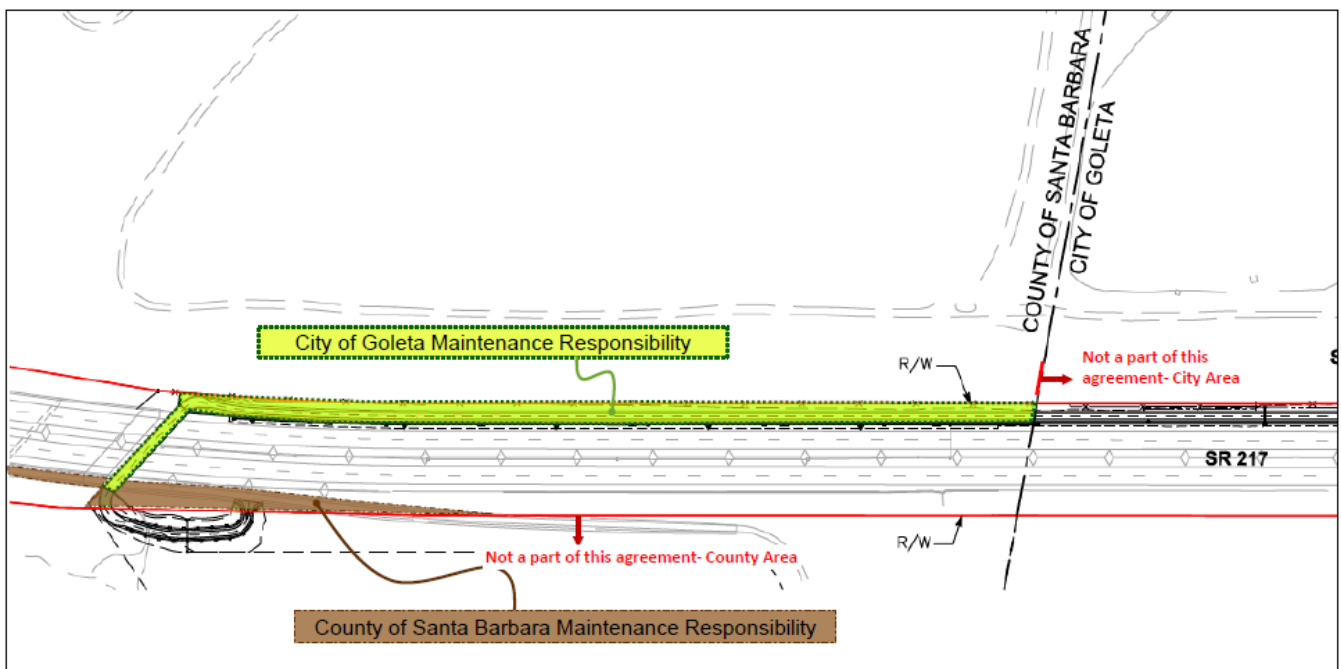


Figure 1: County Maintenance Responsibility Area

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: n/a

Each party will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of facilities as described in the Freeway Agreements.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Goleta and the County of Santa Barbara for the for the San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path from the Obern Trail to City Limits

Attachment B: Freeway Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans

Attachment C: SR 217 Resolution of Change

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