



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: March 18, 2014
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: Measure A Safe Routes to School Tatum Multi-Use Trail Project; County Project No. 862373; Second 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, Measure A Safe Routes to School Tatum Multi-Use Trail Project; County Project No. 862373; Second Supervisorial District; and
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct the Measure A Safe Routes to School Tatum Multi-Use Trail Project; County Project No. 862373; Second Supervisorial District.
- C. Determine that this project was found by your Board to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 on June 25, 2013, that a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and that the proposed action is within the scope of that NOE.

Summary Text:

This project includes approximately 1,300 linear feet of pathway and drainage improvements. The project will replace an existing uneven dirt pathway with an all-weather trail designed to accommodate pedestrian and bicyclist traffic between sections of San Simeon Drive that have no vehicle connection. The existing dirt trail is an unofficial, unimproved school access route serving the students at El Camino Elementary School to the west and San Marcos High School. The majority of the project will be constructed on property owned by the Santa Barbara Unified School District, who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the County to develop this project. The project will also address poor drainage that causes flooding on the trail, making it impassable during rainfall events, and during purges of a nearby pump station. This project fits within the larger Eastern Goleta Valley plans to increase walkability and bicycle accessibility in the area. Construction is planned for summer 2014 and will have a minimal impact on the traveling public.



Proposed Trail



View of existing dirt trail through Tatum Property, looking east from western access point. The trail is often flooded due to poor drainage.

Background:

This project was requested from members of the Eastern Goleta Valley community. Public Works studied the area and found that pedestrian and bicycle traffic to and from the school was steady both before and after school, weather and conditions allowing. The County applied for and received a grant for this project through the competitive Measure A Safe Routes to School program.

Your Board approved the cooperative agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and CEQA Notice of Exemption for this project on June 25, 2013. The Department applied for and received funding for this project through a competitive Measure A Safe Routes to School program created to improve safety along routes to schools.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

To preserve the competitive bidding process, the construction funding amount will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches your Board for the award of a construction contract. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) will fund 80% of construction costs.

Measure A Alternative Transportation funds will provide the remaining 20%. The funds have been budgeted for FY 2014/2015 in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2830, Account 7510.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified, stamped minute order approving these actions to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section office, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, Attn: Gena Valentine-Felix.

Attachment:

Measure A Cooperative Agreement 2013

Authored by:

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