



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: April 22, 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: Norris and Twitchell Streets Safe Routes to School Project; County Project No. 862371; 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, Norris and Twitchell Streets Safe Routes to School; County Project No. 862373; Fourth Supervisorial District;
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids to construct the Norris and Twitchell Streets Safe Routes to School Project; County Project No. 862373; Fourth Supervisorial District; and
- C. 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 CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This project includes approximately 1,200 linear feet of sidewalk improvements, approximately 600 feet on one side of Norris Street and approximately 600 feet on one side of Twitchell Street in the unincorporated area of Orcutt. The project will replace existing uneven dirt shoulder areas with concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks and ADA curb ramps. With existing ad hoc on-street parking and a number of residential driveways backing on to the street, the sidewalk will prevent children and residents from having to walk in the travel way to avoid parked cars, driveways, fences, trees, and other landscaping. Both routes will improve direct access to Orcutt Junior High School and Orcutt Academy High School from Clark Avenue. The project will be constructed within County road right of way. Construction is anticipated to have minimal impact on the traveling public.



View of existing unimproved shoulder along Twitchell Street, looking south toward Orcutt Junior High School



View of existing unimproved shoulder along Twitchell Street, looking north away from Orcutt Academy High School

Background:

This project was developed in partnership with the Orcutt Union School District and members of the Orcutt community. The development process identified the deficiencies in the pedestrian routes adjacent to Orcutt Junior High and Orcutt Academy High School. The first location identified for pedestrian improvements was Clark Ave from Norris Street to SR 135 on the west. This project received a Federal Safe Routes to School Grant and construction is planned for summer 2014. Norris and Twitchell Streets, which are the entry points to the schools, were the second and third locations identified for pedestrian improvements. Constructing sidewalk at these locations will complete key links in the sidewalk network adjacent to the school campuses. The County applied for and received a State Safe Routes to School grant for this project.

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. State Safe Routes to School (SR2SL) will fund 90% of construction costs. Measure A Alternative Transportation funds will provide the remaining 10%. 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:

Notice of Exemption (CEQA)

Authored by:

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