

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

**Agenda Number:** 

# Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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**Department Name:** Public Works

**Department No.:** 054

For Agenda Of: July 19, 2016

Placement: Administrative

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010

Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Improvement Project; County Project No. 720783;

First Supervisorial District

#### **County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a professional services contract with MNS Engineers, Inc. (a local vendor), 201 N. Calle Cesar Chavez, Suite 300, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, in the base contract amount of \$119,580.00, for professional engineering services for the design of a roundabout for the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Improvement Project, County Project No. 720783, First Supervisorial District;
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to approve amendments to the professional services contract with MNS Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$11,958; and
- c) Find that the proposed contract does 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), and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

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## **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to award MNS Engineers, Inc. a professional engineering services contract for preparing plans, specifications and estimate for the design of a roundabout on the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Improvement Project.

On May 5, 2016, the Public Works Department solicited proposals from four professional engineering firms, to design the proposed roundabout as part of the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Improvement Project. On May 25, 2016, only one (1) proposal was received. It was documented that the other three firms did not have the staff availability to deliver a proposal or the engineering design services as required. The proposal was evaluated by Public Works staff based on selection criteria defined in the request for proposal (RFP). Staff found the MNS Engineers, Inc. proposal to be responsive as defined by the RFP and determined that they met the qualifications and experience required to perform the roundabout design services for this project. Staff recommends awarding the contract to MNS Engineers, Inc. on the basis of their demonstrated competence and professional qualifications.

MNS Engineers is currently involved in a design capacity on adjacent projects that affect the County's Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Project, including the Highway 101 HOV Project for Caltrans, and the Santa Claus Lane Bike Path Project, administered by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). The County has previously entered into single contracts with MNS Engineers, Inc. for Survey and Right of Way determination, and development of the 35% Geometric Approval Drawings and Project Report for the independent Santa Claus Lane Circulation and Parking Improvements Project.

## **Background:**

The Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Project is located along Santa Claus Lane, which extends from Padaro Lane to the northwest to US Route 101 SB on-ramp to the southeast, in the unincorporated area between Summerland and the City of Carpinteria. In addition to the roundabout, the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Improvement Project will include modifications to the existing roadway prism to construct sidewalks and angled parking on both sides of Santa Claus Lane. The project is part of a master circulation improvement plan for the entire length of Santa Claus Lane, focused on improving public safety; formalizing and increasing parking; improving multi-modal circulation; managing storm water runoff; and improving aesthetics within the project area. This plan also includes an at-grade railroad crossing, currently being developed by the Department of Planning and Development and bathroom and shower facilities at the proposed beach access point, currently being developed by the Community Services Department, Parks Division. Additional adjacent improvement projects include the proposed Santa Claus Lane Bicycle Path and the Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Project. The proposed roundabout, while serving the needs of the Streetscape Improvement Project, will also tie in to the Santa Claus Lane Bike Path, which terminates at the southern end of Santa Claus Lane, providing a connection to Carpinteria Avenue to the south.

Currently, Santa Claus Lane is a two-lane roadway with paved shoulders and on-street parallel and angled parking within the business district to the south and graded, un-paved shoulders and parallel parking within the beach access corridor to the north. To the east of Santa Claus Lane is US Route 101 and associated Caltrans facilities. To the west of Santa Claus Lane, the County right of way (ROW) within the business district is adjoining private parcels consisting primarily of businesses and a few residences.

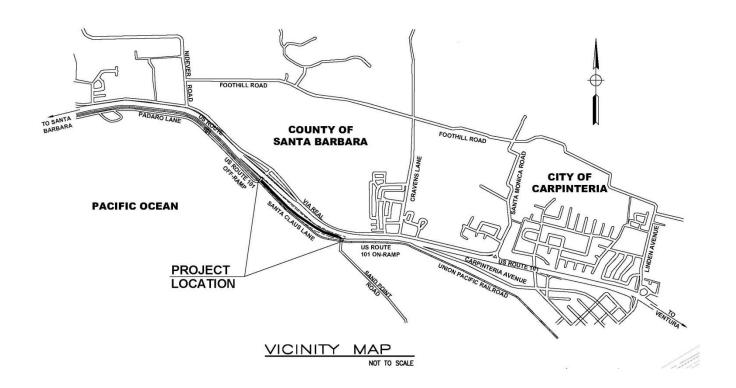
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North of the business district, Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) ROW is directly adjacent to County ROW. This is the primary access point to Santa Claus Lane Beach, although a formal crossing of the UPRR ROW does not legally exist. The aforementioned at-grade railroad crossing project is being developed to provide an authorized at-grade railroad crossing of the UPRR corridor.

The County has met regularly with business owners, beach users, local residents, and other citizens of the community to understand their concerns and wishes throughout the development of the project. Outreach to community stakeholders will continue through the final design and construction of the project.



### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

#### **Fiscal Analysis:**

	Total One-Time Project Cost
Funding Sources	Structure Type Selection Report
Federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)	\$ 91,815.00
Sales Tax - Transportation Measure A Alternate South	\$ 39,723.00
Total	\$ 131,538.00

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#### **Narrative:**

The Preliminary Engineering phase of this project is funded by federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funds, secured through December 2016, and Measure A Sales Tax - Transportation Alternative South. The funds are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account 7460 for FY 2016/2017.

#### **Key Contract Risks:**

There is moderate risk associated with this contract. The Preliminary Engineering phase of this project is funded in the FY 2016/17 budget.

## **Special Instructions:**

Please forward the following items to Blair Gilbertson in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section office, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, at extension 3064:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations
- Two original executed contracts (third original contract to remain on file with the Clerk of the Board)

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Improvement Project, County Project No. 720783; (3 originals)

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

#### **Authored by:**

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