

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240

Department Name: Public Works

Department No.: 054

For Agenda Of: November 2, 2021
Placement: Administrative

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: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Road Maintenance Annual Plan Addendum A,

All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Road Maintenance Annual Plan Addendum A;
- b) Approve revised Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Road Maintenance Annual Plan projects and Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction; and
- c) Find Addendum A to the Road Maintenance Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 is exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) (as the proposed project(s) 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), and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve Addendum A to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP). As part of the FY21/22 budget process, your Board approved allocation of four million dollars to backfill transportation funding revenues lost due to COVID-19 impacts. This funding allows restoration of 22.9 Lane Miles of work that would otherwise have been deferred as a result of these losses. Roads added back into the RdMAP were selected through the annual plan process last year and are listed in Attachment A.

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Background:

Public Works' Transportation Division maintains and repairs approximately 1,650 lane miles of roadways and adjacent bike paths, as well as major bridge and culvert structures, curb, gutter, sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic signals, over 15,000 signs, and over 9,000 street trees.

The RdMAP process allows the Department to prioritize needed annual improvements and match this need with limited available funding for road maintenance. Annual Road Yard Work Plans outline the various activities planned to maintain pavement, trees, hardscape, drainages, and traffic control devices for each road yard. There are three major road yards and two satellite yards: South County Road Yard, with two maintenance crews; the Central County, with a crew in Lompoc and the satellite road yard in Santa Ynez; and the North County, with two crews, and the satellite road yard in Cuyama. In addition, there are two countywide crews: Urban Forest & Utility Crew focuses on caring for and maintaining the County's trees, vegetation, and associated hardscape; and the Sign & Stripe Crew refreshes paint throughout the County, focusing on school zones in the summer, and replaces and repairs signs as needed in our inventory of over 15,000 signs and 375 signals, flashers, radar signs, and bicycle path lights.

Planning and implementing the RdMAP is a year-round process. In the fall, when the adopted RdMAP work is underway, planning for the next year begins. Maintenance crews and Superintendents gather the information about needs and priorities based on what they see in the field. With that information and a preliminary budget, the Department creates an initial priority project list. Meanwhile, using asset management systems, engineers create a list to compare with what the Road Yards derived. Then, using input from constituents received through the Board offices, requests through the road yards and other public input, the list of projects is refined. Finally, public meetings and Board office meetings complete the RdMAP project list presented to your Board.

Capital Maintenance projects included in the FY 2021/2022 program are listed in the RdMAP for each District. These road sections will be treated with fog seals or asphalt overlays, depending on their pavement preservation needs. The plan includes hardscape construction associated with these and other roads to improve ADA accessibility, and minor bridge repairs throughout the County. Road Yard Work plans prioritize efficient in-house maintenance for safety, mobility and accessibility with limited resources.

These projects are exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) as they involve the repair and maintenance of existing road facilities. The Department requests that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise the funded projects listed for the Surface Treatment Program/Capital Maintenance and any Tree Partnership Program contracts utilized to accelerate these efforts. Once approved, the Department will advertise the funded projects identified in the FY 2021/2022 RdMAP.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

\$4,000,000 General Fund will go to restoring RdMAP work in Capital Maintenance (Fund 0016).

Special Instructions:

Please forward a stamped, certified Minute Order approving the recommendations to Gail Ocheltree Public Works - Transportation, 568-3094.

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Attachment A: FY 2021/2022 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP) Addendum A

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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