

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT General Services Agency	(2) MEETING DATE 9/10/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Shaun Cooper 781-4388 Curtis Black 781-5204		
(4) SUBJECT Request to support the San Luis Obispo City's preferred alignment for the section of the Bob Jones Pathway connecting the Octagon Barn, 4595 South Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA to Los Osos Valley Road, based on the City of San Luis Obispo's study. District 3.				
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board support the San Luis Obispo City's preferred alignment for the segment of the Bob Jones Pathway connecting the Octagon Barn to Los Osos Valley Road.				
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A	
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. <u>20</u>)				
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A			(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No		(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Vincent Morici				
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3 -				

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board support the San Luis Obispo City's preferred alignment for the segment of the Bob Jones Pathway connecting the Octagon Barn to Los Osos Valley Road.

DISCUSSION

The City of San Luis Obispo, in coordination with the County, is conducting a study to determine the preferred alignment of a key ½ mile segment of the approximately 11-mile future Bob Jones City-to-Sea Pathway. This ½ -mile segment is between the Los Osos Valley Road interchange and the Octagon Barn on South Higuera. The study area is within both the City and County limits and future phases of this section of the Bob Jones Pathway will involve both entities. The study is titled "City of San Luis Obispo Bob Jones Pathway Octagon Barn Connection Study, Draft June 2013", and is attached to this staff report and available for review on the project website at www.bobjonestrailconnection.com. The draft study reviews three potential path alignments: one along San Luis Obispo Creek; one along Agricultural and Residential Land; and one along Los Osos Valley Road and S. Higuera Street. The preferred pathway alignment, along San Luis Obispo Creek, was selected based on site analysis and public input gathered through various outreach efforts. This alignment minimizes adjacency to or impact on residential and commercial property; provides pathway connectivity and safety; and provides a positive user experience.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

On May 14, 2013, the study was reviewed by the County Trails Advisory Committee and the County Bicycle Advisory Committee at a joint meeting of the two committees. Both committees supported the San Luis Obispo City's preferred pathway alignment along the creek, as depicted in the draft June 2013 report. The San Luis Obispo City Bicycle Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that staff pursue the preferred pathway alignment along the creek, at their July 18, 2013 meeting. The County Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended that the Board support the preferred pathway alignment along the creek, at their July 25, 2013 meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The request for the Board's support for the City of San Luis Obispo's preferred alignment for this trail does not have any direct financial impact. This current study is funded with grant funds secured by the City of San Luis Obispo. The costs for the project construction costs will likely be grant funded with the City as lead agency. Operation and maintenance costs can vary greatly with the type of pathway constructed (hard surface vs. soft surface, etc.) and will likely attract pathway supporters who often lend a hand in maintaining new pathway segments. Agency operations and maintenance

costs will likely be shared between the City of San Luis Obispo and the County based upon the length of pathway owned. Based upon the actual average maintenance costs for the recent three-years for existing Bob Jones Pathway, the annual operation and maintenance costs for the County's approximately ¼-mile portion of the proposed ½-mile section is estimated to be \$2,340 per year. At the time this project is ready for construction, operation and maintenance funding and/or volunteer pathway adoption agreements will need to be identified prior to being opened to the public.

Upon full build out of the 11-mile Bob Jones Pathway, from San Luis Obispo to Avila Beach, approximately 7.5-miles of the Bob Jones pathway will be in the County's jurisdiction. Currently approximately 2.75-miles of the Bob Jones Pathway is open with a three-year average operation and maintenance cost of \$25,746 per year.

RESULTS

Supporting the recommended San Luis Obispo City's preferred alignment for the segment of the Bob Jones Pathway connecting the Octagon Barn to Los Osos Valley Road will enable the City of San Luis Obispo and the County to pursue the next phases of this segment of the Bob Jones Pathway ultimately resulting in the connection of the County's section of the Bob Jones Pathway to the City's section of the Bob Jones Pathway. The eventual construction of future phases of the Bob Jones Pathway will provide a livable and healthy community by providing increased recreational opportunities for youth and adults.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1- Vicinity Map
2. Attachment 2 - City of San Luis Obispo Bob Jones Pathway Octagon Barn Connection Study
3. Attachment 3 - SJMS Comment Letters