

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 2/2/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Katie Drexhage, Environmental Resource Specialist (805) 781-4469	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution approving the Air Park Drive Bridge Replacement Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 4.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the attached resolution approving the Air Park Drive Bridge Replacement Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA); and 2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities, including but not limited to: right-of-way certification; environmental regulatory permits; and preparation of final plans and specifications. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal Highway Bridge Program, Federal Toll Program Credit and Road Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$439,755.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 9/10/13 #16; 11/25/14 #22	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 4			

Reference: 16FEB02-C-2

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
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VIA: Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 2/2/2016

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution approving the Air Park Drive Bridge Replacement Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 4.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution approving the Air Park Drive Bridge Replacement Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA); and
2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities, including but not limited to: right-of-way certification; environmental regulatory permits; and preparation of final plans and specifications.

DISCUSSION

The County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works (County) is proposing to replace the Air Park Drive Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 49C0125) over Meadow Creek Lagoon, with a modern reinforced concrete bridge, in the community of Oceano. The existing timber bridge built in 1940 is deteriorating and requires significant on-going maintenance. Caltrans has inspected the bridge and determined that the bridge is structurally deficient and should be replaced.

The bridge is posted for truck weight restrictions. The proposed replacement bridge will be slightly longer than the existing structure at approximately 83 feet and also slightly wider at about 40 feet. The roadway configuration includes raised sidewalks and shoulders on both sides of the bridge separating pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The project is located on Air Park Drive between Pier Avenue and Railroad Avenue. The project is in the San Luis Bay Coastal planning area in Supervisorial District 4.

Work will occur within existing County right of way and may require access and/or staging on four privately owned parcels. The project will result in approximately 1.08 acre of temporary impacts and 0.5 acre of permanent impacts, for a total of 1.58 acres of disturbance. Removal of creosote-treated timber piles and installation of abutments will require full containment and isolation from the lagoon; therefore, dewatering operations will be necessary. Dewatering work will be contained within the approved project area of disturbance. The project will also consist of road closure and establishment of alternative traffic routes.

The new bridge will be constructed at the same location and alignment as the existing bridge within the County's existing right of way. Construction will include a single-season road closure while the existing bridge is demolished, public utilities are relocated, and the new bridge is built in its place. Timing for construction is dependent on acquiring permits from the resource agencies, specifically a Coastal Development Permit through the California Coastal Commission as well as utility coordination. No additional right of way is required for the project.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any environmental impacts. The Initial Study for this project was prepared by staff of the Department of Public Works' Environmental Division, with review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of mitigation and impact avoidance measures.

The Initial Study identified impacts and mitigation measures in the following issue areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazardous Materials and Water/Hydrology. Mitigation measures include: pre-construction surveys and worker education to avoid impacts to sensitive species; revegetation for biological resources; and best management practices for air pollution, water pollution, hazardous materials, dust control, waste disposal, and erosion control.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to commencement of the Initial Study, other affected local, State and federal agencies are notified of a proposed project. The County Air Pollution Control District has reviewed the project description and provided mitigation measures that have been included in the Initial Study to reduce impacts to air quality.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to State agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day public review period ended November 25, 2015; during this time, no comments or additional mitigation measures were received.

The project is partially funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) who is providing oversight and completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the project. Prior to the commencement of work, a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Section 404 Authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 401 Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and a Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission must be secured.

Coordination with State Parks, County Parks, and the Oceano County Airport will also be required for access, staging, and/or notification of road closures.

Staff has provided outreach to the adjoining property owners regarding the project scope and impacts. The project was presented at the Oceano Advisory Council meeting in October 2015.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cost associated with adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This project is a multi-year project budgeted in Road Fund for FY 2015-16 – WBS 300430 in the amount of \$439,755 to fund project development activities. Funding for this project will be from the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP), Federal Toll Program Credits and the Road Fund.

The cost to construct the bridge replacement is expected to be in the range of the \$1.5 to \$2.0 million. Subsequent phases to the project will occur over the next two years and once those costs are known, we will return to the Board with a budget adjustment, if necessary.

RESULTS

Approval of the project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase and allow the project to move into the environmental permitting, right-of-way, and final design phases. Completion of the project will replace the structurally deficient bridge on Air Park Drive, thereby contributing to a safe and prosperous community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Resolution Approving the Air Park Drive Bridge Replacement Project and Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration

c: Katie Drexhage, Environmental Resource Specialist

File: WBS 300430

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