

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 10/4/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Jeremy Ghent, Transportation Division Manager (805) 781- 5279	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a Cooperative Agreement with California Department of Transportation to provide project oversight for the interchange at US Highway 101 and Avila Beach Drive, Avila. District 3.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a Cooperative Agreement with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to provide project oversight during the preparation of Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) for the interchange at US Highway 101 and Avila Beach Drive, Avila (WBS 300506).			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Regional State Highway Account, Road Impact Fees and Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(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 type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3			

Reference: 16OCT04-C-1

## County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Jeremy Ghent, Transportation Division Manager

VIA: Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 10/4/2016

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

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### **DISCUSSION**

Traffic circulation studies for the Avila area have repeatedly identified the US 101 interchange at Avila Beach Drive as being inadequate to meet circulation needs for community build out. Initial signs indicating needs are already being observed by the community and other frequent users of the interchange. To help address, the Avila Area Road Improvement Fee program collects development fees to assist in future interchange improvements.

As this interchange is a part of the State Highway System, Caltrans plays an integral role in the development process. Various phases of project development and final design must be approved by Caltrans. The PAED is the second of multiple project development steps required by Caltrans. This report will select a project and create the necessary environmental document for improving the interchange.

This agreement establishes rules and responsibilities for Caltrans and County staff during PAED preparation. Portions of the report will rely on research and analysis from the Project Study Report previously prepared by Caltrans during the first phase of project development. This includes environmental review, right-of-way impact estimates, and traffic modeling. This agreement establishes the County as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency and will allow our staff to prepare the CEQA document. Caltrans will lead the preparation of the National Environmental Policy Act document. Additionally, Public Works will be leading the community outreach and ensuring the community has the opportunity for participation in the development process.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Avila Valley Advisory Council has expressed concerns over current traffic operations at the Interchange and will continue to be involved throughout project development.

San Luis Obispo Council of Governments is providing regional funding towards the development of the PAED.

County Counsel has reviewed the Cooperative Agreement as to legal form and effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Cooperative Agreement provides Caltrans oversight for development of PAED at no cost to the County.

Entering into this agreement will initiate development of a Request For Proposal for various consultant support services in preparing the PAED. Public Works will return to your Board for executing the Professional Services Contract.

This project is a multi-year project budgeted in Road Fund for FY 2016/17 – WBS 300506 in the amount of \$558,495. The project will be funded from Regional State Highway Account, Road Impact Fees and Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality. No budget adjustment is necessary at this time.

## **RESULTS**

The expected result of this Cooperative Agreement will be the completion of a PAED which will ultimately identify the approved project that will move into the third phase of project development, Plans Specifications and Estimates. The ultimate result is to improve traffic operations and safety at the interchange, making this a safer, prosperous and livable community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Cooperative Agreement

File: WBS 300506

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