



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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works		(2) MEETING DATE 1/23/2018		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Josh Roberts, Transportation Division Manager (805) 788-2345	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution approving the 2017 Storm Damage Road Repair Projects – Central and South Coast and adopting the Initial Study - 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. Districts 3 and 4.					
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the 2017 Storm Damage Road Repair Projects – Central and South Coast and to adopt the Initial Study - 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, acquisition of environmental regulatory permits and preparation of the final project plans and specifications. 					
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Fund Center 24502 - Road Fund Operations and Maintenance		(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$670,000.00		(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"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input 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) Districts 3, 4					

Reference: 18JAN23-C-8



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Josh Roberts, Transportation Division Manager
Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager

VIA: Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 1/23/2018

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the 2017 Storm Damage Road Repair Projects – Central and South Coast and to adopt the Initial Study - 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, acquisition of environmental regulatory permits and preparation of the final project plans and specifications.

DISCUSSION

The County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works (County) is proposing the 2017 Storm Damage Emergency Road Repair Projects – Central and South Coast to permanently repair damages caused by the severe winter storms that occurred between January and March 2017. A total of five individual projects are included in the environmental document (Central and South Coast region).

The five sites are:

- Prefumo Canyon Road, Mile Post 3.5
- Prefumo Canyon Road, Mile Post 3.9
- Cecchetti Road, Mile Post 1.22
- Upper Los Berros Road, Mile Post 0.7
- Suey Creek Road, Mile Post 1.75

The extent of the damage at the five locations varies slightly; however, the projects all involve slip-outs adjacent to stream courses, and portions of the roadways remain undercut and partially closed.

State and federal emergencies were officially declared for each of the 2017 storm periods, which made them eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement funding. Emergency road opening activities such as debris removal and other prompt remedial measures, required to reopen the roadway, were previously completed at each location shortly after the storm events occurred. Staff continues to seek reimbursement from FEMA for these specific five locations

The next phase for these projects includes permanently repairing the damages. The permanent fixes will entail some combination of the installation of sheet pile walls, rock-slope protection, or concrete block walls to repair and augment the sections of the roadways that slipped out. Diversions and dewatering may be required at several of these sites to accommodate access and heavy equipment operations. Habitat restoration and other revegetation efforts will also likely be required.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the County Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any potential environmental impacts. The Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Central and South Coast projects was prepared by the Environmental Division staff, with review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of suitable mitigation measures.

The initial study identified potential impacts and appropriate mitigation measures in the following issue areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, and Water/Hydrology. Mitigation measures include: dust control measures, use of best management practices to limit sedimentation and erosion, as well as biological monitoring.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to commencement of an Initial Study, other potentially affected local, state, and federal agencies are notified of a proposed project and given the opportunity to provide comment via the County's referral process. The County Air Pollution Control District and the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office provided comments on the proposed activities. Their recommendations have been addressed in the MND. Several local Native American groups were also noticed of the project through the referral process and given the opportunity to provide comments in accordance with the tribal consultation procedural requirements outlined in Assembly Bill 52. Comments were received from two local Native American groups and these recommendations were considered during the development of the Cultural Resources section of the MND.

The proposed MND was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to several other state and resource agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day comment period for the projects ended January 9, 2018. No comments were received through the local or State Clearinghouse noticing procedures.

Prior to initiating work, regulatory permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board will be secured as necessary.

The County expects to seek up to 75% cost reimbursement through FEMA for the road restoration work. The remaining funding will be eligible for state reimbursement through California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) up to 90%.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cost associated with adopting the MND.

These projects are multi-year maintenance projects budgeted in Road Fund for FY 2017-18. The estimated cost per project are as follows:

Funding for these projects is anticipated from FEMA, State Office of Emergency Services and the Road Fund will provide any match funding required.

RESULTS

Approval of the project and adoption of the MND will complete the CEQA review phase and will allow the project to move forward into the environmental permitting phase. Implementation of the project will increase public safety and local traffic circulation by repairing existing roads so that they operate equal to or better than they did prior to the storm; thus, contributing to a safe and prosperous community overall.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Resolution Approving the 2017 Storm Damage Road Repair Projects – Central and South Coast, Adopting the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

c: Keith Miller, Environmental Resource Specialist
Anita Konopa, County OES

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