

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: James Petropulos

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes No)

Public Works recommends that the Board direct staff to continue with the design and construction of the proposed Triangle Road bridge at Snow Creek as previously accepted under the Federal Bridge Replacement Program.

The present bridge is substandard in width and has approaches that have poor site distances. The bridge needs to be improved for safety reasons.

The proposed project consists of widening the existing substandard structure and improving the approaches on either end of the bridge. Biological studies and some engineering/surveying have been completed with funds expended by the County reimbursed by Caltrans at 80%. The amount reimbursed to date is \$10,746.19 with an additional \$3,360 pending for a total of \$14,106.19.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has previously accepted Federal Bridge Replacement Funds and committed the required 20% local match for the bridge project. This is one of five bridges currently in the program.

The Board also conducted a site review on July 27, 1999, with staff making a presentation regarding the bridge project. Various aspects of the project were discussed at that time but no action or direction was requested. The Board also received a packet of information from the owners of the adjacent MacReady Ranch who are opposed to the project.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Cancel the project. Incur possible increased liability for traffic incidents at the site due to inadequate facility that is eligible for upgrades with available funds and return of funds expended to Caltrans. Caltrans may be hesitant to recommend funding for future bridge projects.

COSTS: () Not Applicable	
A. Budgeted current FY>	\$ _____
B. Total anticipated Costs>	\$ _____
C. Required additional funding>	\$ _____
D. Internal transfers>	\$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5th Vote Required	
A. Unanticipated revenues>	\$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies>	\$ _____
C. Source description: > _____	
Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:	
\$ _____	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

CLERK'S USE ONLY

Res. No.: 99-273 Ord. No.: _____

Vote - Ayes: _____ Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

- Approved Denied
 Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on
file in this office

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board


By: _____
Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

- _____ Recommended
_____ Not Recommended
_____ For Policy Determination
_____ Submitted with Comment
_____ Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: Proposed Triangle Road Bridge at Snow Creek; Res. 99-273

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 7, 1999

ACTION AND VOTE:

- Sally Wallace was present with her sister Joanne Calhoun and advised that they are the owners of the Macready Ranch. She expressed concern with the noticing for the proposed Triangle Road bridge at Snow Creek and requested information on the noticing that was provided. She asked for information on the improvements that are proposed, and she stated she feels there are other areas in the County where improvements are needed. She stated that she feels improvements to the bridge and its approach will result in traffic traveling at a higher speed and more accidents. She feels the improvements will impact the wildlife and the natural beauty of the land, and the cattle grazing. She further advised of their efforts to maintain the ranch in its natural state. She further stated she feels the traffic counts were taken during the Highway 49 South improvement project and they are higher than normal. Chairman Pickard advised that these comments relate to the bridge matter which is scheduled on the agenda later this morning; however, Sally was unable to be present later this date to provide input.
- Dick Kunstman stated he feels that for the County to proceed with the bridge at Snow Creek against the property owners wishes, it would constitute a taking of private property.

Direction to Continue with the Design and Construction of the Proposed Triangle Road Bridge at Snow Creek

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held relative to the proposed project. Mike Edwards advised that this is a safety project being funded by the Federal Bridge Replacement Program. He further commented on the public notification process for the project and of the contact with the property owners. He stated there are safety concerns with the existing bridge and it is functionally obsolete. Dave Tucker/PWD-Engineer, commented on the ability to transfer the funding for this project to another project in the County.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Bart Brown expressed concern with the bridge being more dangerous if the road is straightened out, due to the ice and increased speeds. He commented on his monitoring of the traffic in the area one evening. He asked about scoping requirements under the CEQA process. He further stated that he feels that if Triangle Road is improved in its entirety, that would be different than improving a small portion.

Yvonne Bennett stated she is happy to hear that the funds can be transferred to another project, and she noted there are improvement projects on the Northside of the County.

Further discussion was held relative to the proposed project, traffic counts, using the environmental studies for future consideration of the project, and options for traffic control – stop signs at each end of the bridge or one-way traffic signs for the bridge. Staff provided input relative to the environmental process and status of funding for these types of projects.

(M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 99-273 adopted directing that the project not go forward at this time. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include direction for staff to try to capture the funds and efforts spent thus far on the project/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Noes: Pickard; Excused: Reilly. Further direction was given to staff to review sign options for the bridge and report back to the Board.

cc: Ken Hawkins, Auditor
Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel
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