



CITY *of* CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2004-907, APPROVING A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MUREAU ROAD PORTION OF THE
U.S. 101 CORRIDOR INTERJURISDICTIONAL BIKE LANE GAP
CLOSURE PROJECT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2004

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Based on public review and comment of the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment for the Mureau Road portion of the U.S. 101 Corridor Interjurisdictional Bike Lane Gap Closure Project, it is recommended that the City Council open the public hearing to take public testimony on the adequacy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on this project, and, if substantial objections to the project MND do not exist, adopt Resolution No. 2004-907 adopting the MND as a complete and adequate description of the project's impacts and applicable mitigation measures.

BACKGROUND:

In 1997, the City Council adopted the Calabasas Bicycle Master Plan to establish a bicycle friendly community that will serve the needs of bicycle commuters and recreational cyclists. In response to the lack of citywide bicycle facilities, the Transportation/Intergovernmental Relations Department developed the U.S. 101 Corridor Interjurisdictional Bike Lane Gap Closure project that will provide a link for

cyclists between the Cities of Los Angeles, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake, and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County via Class II bikeways.

The bike lane project, specific to Calabasas City Limits, was to construct Class II bikeways along Agoura Road, Las Virgenes Road, Mureau Road, and Calabasas Road. Currently, the only missing segment for the project is along Mureau Road.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was originally prepared in 1997 and was circulated to all local, state, and applicable federal agencies for review and comment. Substantial comments were received during the original circulation period and, in general, indicated support for the bike lanes. In 2000, Caltrans staff reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration, in conjunction with the project's federal grant fund application and determined that additional studies were required to complete the environmental process. The Initial Study/Environmental Assessment provides discussion and analysis of project impacts, as related to the revised technical studies.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Attached for your information (Attachment 1) and review is the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the Mureau Road portion of the U.S. 101 Corridor Interjurisdictional Bike Lane Gap Closure Project and contains all the revised technical studies required by Caltrans. The public review and comment period for the IS/EA began on August 30, 2004 and ended on September 30, 2004 (30 days).

Staff received one comment letter during the public review period from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Attachment 2). LVMD's only concern was the project's conflict with a fire hydrant and a detector check meter. Those issues will be addressed during the preconstruction phase for the project.

At this stage of the environmental process, staff is requesting the City Council to open the public hearing, take public testimony and then close the public hearing testimony regarding the subject project. The decision-makers should also provide comment, ask questions of staff as required and staff should provide answers, to the degree feasible, at the conclusion of the hearing. After comments are provided, based on public and decision-maker review of the IS/EA, if there are no unresolved significant issues with the document, the City Council should adopt Resolution No. 2004-907(Attachment 3), approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mureau Road portion of the U.S. 101 Corridor Interjurisdictional Bike Lane Project.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Fiscal Impact:

The project has already been budgeted by the City Council's Capital Improvement Budget - Account No. 40-339-6500-37.

Sources of Funding:

Federal TEA Grant Funding: \$559,000

High Priority TEA (TEA-21) Grant Funding: \$250,000

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the City Council:

- Open public hearing regarding the Mureau Road bike lane IS/EA for public testimony,
- Provide Council comment and inputs to staff and then,
- Close the public hearing, and, after staff consultation,
- Adopt Resolution No. 2004-907, approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mureau Road bike lane project.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1: Initial Study/Environmental Assessment

Attachment 2: Comment letter from Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Attachment 3: Resolution No. 2004-907

Attachment 1:

Initial Study/Environmental Assessment

Attachment 2:

**Comment letter from Las Virgenes
Municipal Water District**

Attachment 3:

Resolution No. 2004-907