



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: Easement Acquisition – San Lorenzo Way Bridge Replacement Project

Meeting Date: April 29, 2025

Formal Title: Approve the final easement acquisitions for the San Lorenzo Way Bridge Replacement Project, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve the terms and conditions of the enclosed easement acquisition contracts related to the San Lorenzo Way Bridge Replacement project;
2. Authorize the Deputy CEO/Director of Community Development and Infrastructure to execute said contracts on behalf of the County, and make any minor changes to the contract terms and conditions to accurately reflect the intent of the parties;
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the easement deeds associated with said contracts on behalf of the County; and
4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector of the County of Santa Cruz to approve payment of claims for said contracts in the amounts indicated therein.

Executive Summary

The acquisition of permanent and temporary easements over Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 071-173-13, APN 071-081-41, and APN 071-201-43 owned by Daybreak Camp, Inc, and a temporary easement over APN 071-192-03 owned by Bonny Doon Properties, LLC (Easements) are required to support the San Lorenzo Bridge Replacement Project. Real Property has negotiated the final easement acquisition contracts (Contracts) and transfer documentation, and these documents are now recommended for approval by the Board.

Discussion

The Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development and Infrastructure is currently preparing plans to complete the San Lorenzo Way Bridge Replacement Project (Project). This Project will replace the existing San Lorenzo Way Bridge over the San Lorenzo River in the community of Felton. The existing single-lane bridge has been deemed structurally deficient and does not meet contemporary design standards. The Project entails the removal of the existing bridge and its replacement with a 156-foot long, 28.5-foot-wide concrete bridge, while maintaining the same alignment as the current structure. The proposed Project includes enhancements to the bridge approaches to address steep gradients and improvements at the State Route 9/San Lorenzo Way intersection to facilitate smoother transitions onto and off the highway. Funding for the Project is to be secured partially through the Federal Highway Administration in collaboration with Caltrans and the County, as it has been designated for replacement within the Highway Bridge Program.

To proceed with the Project, the County must acquire the Easements. Real Property has now negotiated the final Contracts to acquire the necessary Easements. The compensation to be paid pursuant to the terms of the Contracts exceeds the delegated authority of the Director of Community Development and Infrastructure and requires Board approval. Compensation paid for the easement rights over APN 071-173-13, APN 071-081-41, and APN 071-201-43 (Daybreak Camp) is one hundred and twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$128,968). Compensation paid for the easement rights over APN 071-192-03 (Bonny Doon Properties) is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The combined Contracts total two hundred and twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$228,968), which compensation was based on the professionally appraised fair market value.

Real Property now recommends the Board approve the Contracts and associated documents.

Financial Impact

The acquisition cost for the necessary permanent and temporary easements is \$228,968 and is budgeted in FY 24-25 in the Road Fund (GL 621100 /62330/P40172). A grant from the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) will fund 100% of the direct cost of these acquisitions with SB1 funding the soft costs estimated at \$27,476.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure
Operational Plan - Reliable Transportation
Climate Action - Transportation

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.