

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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## Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** January 15, 2001  
**Department:** Public Works  
**Budget Unit:** 054/02/02  
**Agenda Date:** May 1, 2001  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 30 Minutes  
**Continued Item:** NO

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
Public Works Department

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Engineering

**SUBJECT:** Union Valley Parkway Extension; Final Mitigated Negative Declaration E-99-60;  
Fourth Supervisorial District; County Project No. 863011

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## Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Set a Public Hearing for May 8, 2001, to discuss the recommendations listed below;
- B. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration (E-99-60) pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as adequate environmental review for the Union Valley Parkway Extension Project (Attachment A); and
- C. Adopt the mitigation monitoring program included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration as conditions of project approval; and
- D. Authorize the County Public Works Department to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of permanent easements and temporary rights-of-entry with adjacent property owners.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Union Valley Parkway (UVP) has been envisioned by the County as an east to west connection from Highway (HWY) 101 to State Route (SR) 1 since the mid-1970's. It is a key roadway link in both the City of

Santa Maria’s circulation plan and the County’s Orcutt Community Plan. Originally named the East-West Expressway, this connection was to be a multi-lane, grade separated, access-controlled freeway with interchanges at SR 1, SR 135, and HWY 101. As development has occurred, several at grade connections have been constructed and more at-grade connections are planned along its reach including the connections at SR 135, California Boulevard, Foxenwood Lane, and Orcutt Road. Consequently, UVP can no longer be considered a freeway and the roadway is now considered a major arterial within the current Circulation Element for the Orcutt Community Plan.

The project is the construction of a new section of UVP between California Boulevard and Hummel Drive in the Santa Maria/Orcutt area. The City of Santa Maria and the County are working jointly on this project with the City acting as the lead agency and the County in the role of responsible agency. The County’s portion is between Hummel Drive and SR 135. The City’s portion is between SR 135 and California Boulevard. The construction will include right-of-way acquisition and an at-grade crossing of SR 135. The deficiencies that will be corrected and/or reduced by this project relate to overall circulation in the Orcutt-Santa Maria area. The SR 135 connection will relieve loading at the Foster Road/SR 135 and Lakeview/SR 135 intersections as well as several local streets in the area.

On November 21, 2000 the Santa Maria City Council in its role as lead agency, adopted a resolution to make the required CEQA findings, approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration E-99-60, and adopted the mitigation monitoring program for the project (See Attachment B). As a responsible agency, the County must consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15096(f) and adopt the mitigation measures identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15096(g).

At this time the City is preparing project plans, specifications, and estimates. The county’s role is to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of permanent easements and temporary rights-of-entry with adjacent property owners within the county’s jurisdiction. The following parcels will be affected: APN 107-210-35, APN 107-210-36, APN 107-250-11, APN 107-250-12, and APN 107-250-13. Also, it will be necessary for the county to grant to the City of Santa Maria a roadway easement for the portion of Union Valley Parkway that crosses a county owned parcel within the city limits.

The Union Valley Extension Project has been included in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2000-2005. The Local Surface Transportation Program and Orcutt Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees will provide funding for County’s portion of the extension.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Direction by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This action will not have a fiscal impact.

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**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified minute order approving this action to the Public Works Department, attention: Cecelia Barnes, ext. 3064.

**Concurrence:**

None required.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Final Mitigated Negative Declaration E-99-60.

Attachment B: Council Agenda Report dated November 21, 2000

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