



CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Update on Caltrans I-880/92 Interchange Project Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council review and comment on this report.

DISCUSSION:

After many years of analysis and discussion regarding the I-880/SR 92 interchange reconstruction project, the City Council voted in early 2003 to support "Alternative H" for the project (see Exhibit A). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/R) on December 29, 2003, and a Record of Decision (ROD) was prepared by the FHWA and completed in July, 2004. Final plans are currently being prepared and should be completed this fall.

Caltrans staff indicates that all properties proposed for full-take as part of the project have been acquired and are in the State's possession. The vacant properties are maintained by Caltrans and its right-of-way staff monitors maintenance activities on each of the properties twice a week. Deconstruction of the existing structures should begin this December.

Caltrans is in the process of obtaining partial-takes and temporary easements for construction from affected property owners. In addition, Caltrans may also need to obtain a construction easement from PG&E by condemnation. Right-of-way certification was scheduled for February 2006, and is now scheduled for spring 2006.

Caltrans has indicated that wetland mitigation could further delay the project schedule. Due to the widening of the roadway and shoulders and the ramp construction, the existing wetlands in the northeast, northwest, and southeast quadrants of the interchange will need to be filled in. As mitigation for the loss of the wetlands, a new wetland was proposed to be established adjacent to the berm in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. This new wetland would have been more isolated from the roadways. However, the California Regional Water Quality Board recently sent a letter to Caltrans requiring a higher wetland mitigation ratio of 3:1 instead of the usual 2:1 ratio. Due to the limited area available within the State right-of-way in the immediate project vicinity, Caltrans wishes to mitigate the wetland totally off-site at Newark Slough. Caltrans is working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the wetland owner to determine how such a replacement wetland could be established.

In addition, Caltrans has completed a traffic management plan that will be utilized during construction. Since Caltrans desires to maintain all of the traffic movements, City staff is working with Caltrans to ensure that the detoured traffic is kept to the main arterials and is not diverted onto any residential streets.

The sequence and phasing of the work remains the same, as previously presented to you. The first major phase of work will be the reconstruction of the Calaroga Avenue over-crossing, although Caltrans no longer is pursuing doing the Calaroga Bridge as a separate contract.

SCHEDULE:

Caltrans staff has provided the following estimated construction schedule:

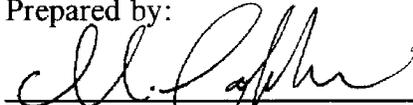
	<u>Current Schedule</u>	<u>Previous Schedule</u>
Complete Design	Fall 2005	May 2005
Certify Right-of-Way	Spring 2006	February 2006
Advertise	Spring 2006	February 2006
Begin Construction	Fall 2006	August 2006
Complete Construction	Winter 2010	August 2010

Caltrans staff indicated that they will have a better understanding of the construction duration when bids are opened, as the number of working days will be factored into the bid and, subsequently, included in the contract. In this bidding approach, a fewer number of proposed working days will produce a lower total number for bid evaluation.

PROJECT COST AND FUNDING:

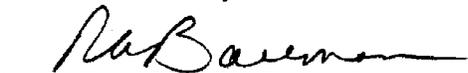
Caltrans staff has estimated the cost of the project to be about \$134 million. The majority of the project funding comes from Regional Measure 1 (bridge tolls) with \$10 million from other sources, such as the Alameda County Transportation Authority.

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Exhibit A: Aerial of I-880/92 Interchange Project

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IT HAS BEEN ATTACHED AS A
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