

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Date: August 23, 2001

Board Meeting Date: September 11, 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Neil R. Cullen, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Repair of Seaside School Road – San Gregorio Area

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution determining that Seaside School Road is in need of emergency repairs and authorizing the Director of Public Works to repair the road using County forces, day labor, or independent contracts (4/5ths vote required).

Key Facts

1. Seaside School Road is a County maintained road that is adjacent to San Gregorio Creek and that provides the only access to four (4) properties.
2. A portion of the streambank supporting the road collapsed reducing the width of the road.
3. We are proposing to repair the road by installing a “railroad flatcar” bridge to ensure that continued access into the area can be provided.
4. We do not believe that other solutions can be accomplished prior to the winter rains, as solutions involving a retaining structure would require work at or below the mean high water of the creek, and would be subject to various regulatory reviews.
5. Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the repair of damage without adopting plans or calling for bids in cases of an emergency.

Discussion

Seaside School Road is approximately half a mile long. It generally parallels San Gregorio Creek and is the only access for four properties located to the east of the County’s right-of-way limits. A portion of the streambank supporting the road collapsed this past winter.

We evaluated options to repair the road and believe the best solution at this time is to install a railroad flatcar as a bridge to provide continuous access over the collapsed area. The flatcar bridge will have the least impact on the creek environment that is immediately adjacent to this section of the road. Both Best Management Practices (BMP) and the procedures as outlined in our newly developed Rural Road Maintenance Standards will be used in the construction of this repair.

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We are recommending that this work be considered an emergency as construction would not commence for approximately 3-4 months if the normal bid process as provided in the Public Contract Code is used.

We are concurrently applying for an emergency Coastal Development Permit from the Planning Division and expect to receive approval with their comments prior to proceeding with the actual construction, and have located a flatcar that can be purchased if your Board authorizes us to proceed with the work.

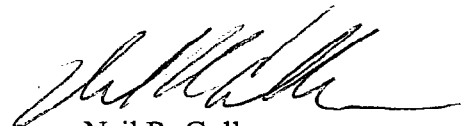
We will also coordinate the construction with the residents of the area as there will be times when traffic will be delayed during the construction of the bridge footings and the installation of the bridge.

Fiscal Impact

The total estimated cost of this project including design, construction, inspection and contingencies is \$50,000, which includes the estimated cost of the flatcar at \$20,000. The work is proposed to be financed from the "all other roads" appropriation line item in the 2001-02 Road Fund Budget.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

A form of resolution has been approved by County Counsel.



Neil R. Cullen
Director of Public Works

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cc: Milt Mares, County Counsel

Resolution No. _____

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

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**Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing
the Repair of Seaside School Road, County Road No. 86,
Using County Forces, Day Labor, or Independent Contracts – San Gregorio Area**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, Seaside School Road, County Road No. 86, provides the only access for the residents of four (4) homes in the San Gregorio area located easterly of the intersection of Seaside School Road; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the streambank supporting Seaside School Road has collapsed threatening the closure of the road; and

WHEREAS, Section 22050 et. sec. of the Public Contract Code provides that a local agency, by 4/5ths vote of its governing body, may repair or replace a public facility without giving notice for bids to let contracts upon finding that the need of the action cannot be delayed by the competitive bid process; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has recommended a repair in order to continue to provide access for the Seaside School Road area residents; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed and considered the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that this Board hereby:

1. declares that the streambank collapse on Seaside School Road constitutes an emergency as defined in Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code; and
2. authorizes the Director of Public Works to:
 - a) proceed with the repair of Seaside School Road as provided by Section 22050 et. sec. of the Public Contract Codes without adopting plans or calling for competitive bids; and
 - b) ~~to~~ finance said repairs with Road Funds and to make all necessary payments for labor, materials, tools and equipment as may be necessary to facilitate said repairs.

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