



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: June 9, 2015

Subject: APPROVE the Byron Highway-Camino Diablo Intersection Improvements Project and related actions under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE the Byron Highway-Camino Diablo Intersection Improvements Project and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to advertise the project, Byron area. [Project No. 0662-6R4094, DCD-CP# 15-01] (District III), and

FIND, on the basis of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and all comments received and staff responses contained herein, that there is no substantial evidence the project may have significant effect on the environment, and

ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Plan in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article 6, Section 15070(a), (the custodian of which is the Department of Conservation and Development Director located at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA), and

DIRECT the Director of Conservation and Development to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk, and

AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director to arrange for payment of \$2,210 for California

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/09/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 9, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Contact: L. Chavez, Environmental  
(925) 313-2366

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Department of Fish and Wildlife fees, a \$50 fee to the County Clerk for filing the Notice of Determination, and a \$25 fee to Department of Conservation and Development for processing.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding will be 23% Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Funds, 17% Measure J Return to Source Funds, 12% East County Regional Area of Benefit Funds, and 48% Local Road Funds.

### BACKGROUND:

Byron Highway and Camino Diablo Road are heavily used truck and commuter routes that provide a vital transportation link between Contra Costa and Alameda Counties as well as San Joaquin County. Both Byron Highway and Camino Diablo Road are two-lane roads with no turning lanes and no shoulders at this intersection. Neither road is signalized, with free-through movements on Byron Highway and stop controls on both legs of Camino Diablo Road. The project includes installation of new traffic signal lights and road improvements to accommodate the addition of left turn lanes on three of the four legs at the intersection.

The existing travel lanes will be widened approximately 1,300 feet along Byron Highway (500 feet north to 800 feet south of the intersection) and approximately 800 feet along Camino Diablo Road (600 feet west and 200 feet east of the intersection). The road widening will provide 12-foot wide travel lanes, 12-foot wide left turn lanes, and 5-foot wide paved shoulders on both roads. A majority of the pavement widening will be along the east side of Byron Highway south of the intersection and the north side of Camino Diablo Road west of the intersection. In addition, a railroad crossing adjacent to the intersection will be improved with the installation of new railroad panels and crossing gates. The project will also provide pedestrian facilities along the north side of Camino Diablo Road from the intersection of Main Street to Byron Highway, which include sidewalk, curb and ADA ramps.

Construction activities associated with the project include the acquisition of new right-of-way (ROW) and earthwork for the roadway widening, tree removals, drainage improvements, utility and roadway signage relocations, guard rail installation, and restriping to accommodate new travel lane configurations. One-way traffic control on Byron Highway, and road closure on Camino Diablo Road just west of the intersection for work around the railroad will be required for a portion of the project.

Real property transactions will be necessary in support of this project including fee titles for the ROW acquisitions and temporary construction easements.

Project construction is planned for 2016 and will take approximately four months to complete sometime between April and October 2016.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Delay in approving the project may result in a delay of design, construction, and may jeopardize funding.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Final NOD

Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration & Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Plan

Response to Comments