

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
 Meeting Date: ___/___/___ Held Until: ___/___/___
 Agenda Item No: _____ Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Transportation and Public Works

[] **4/5 Vote Required**

Contact:
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Board Date:
07/21/09

Deadline for Board Action:

Agenda Short Title:

Fort Ross Road Slide Repair Project

Requested Board Action:

Approve resolution accepting a Grant of Roadway & Utility Easement, Grant of Drainage, Slope, and Maintenance Easement, and land; authorizing execution of Right of Way Contract – Public Highway; accepting land described therein into the County highway system; authorizing payment of \$1,600, including \$-0- severance for the herein described conveyances; authorizing proration and transfer of taxes on said land; and authorizing refund, if applicable, pursuant to §5096 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; lands of [REDACTED]; APN 107-150-029; Project No. M05047 (Fifth Supervisorial District).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$ 1,600

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$ 1,600
035063-7960

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail. Approp \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$ _____
\$

Additional Requested \$ -0-

Add'l Funds Requested:

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s): None

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval: Fort Ross Road could be closed if needed construction does not take place.

Background:

The Department of Transportation and Public Works (Department) proposes to repair a section of Fort Ross Road located approximately six miles west of Cazadero and one mile east of Neistrath Road. This section of Fort Ross Road is impacted by a slide that occurred during the 2006 winter season. The active slide feature consists of a roughly 100-foot long headscarp at the limits of the existing road pavement and disturbed ground extending roughly 150-feet to the south. The project area is situated at the southwest corner of the public road intersection with the paved private entrance road to the Black Mountain Preserve of the Padwasambhava Peace. The slide area is on the southerly/downhill side of the road. A spring which appears to have developed beneath the roadway likely contributed to the slide activity. Right of way will be needed from the [REDACTED] parcel which is located on the south side of Fort Ross Road.

The purpose of the project is to secure the public road by stabilizing the slope on the [REDACTED] property to the south. The Department intends to install a drained embankment of engineered fill and appropriate back-wall drainage elements to stabilize the steep slope. Slide impacted areas of the paved public roadway will be repaired. The acquisition of right-of-way is from the [REDACTED] property, upon which the bulk of the slide is located, is the subject of this resolution.

The subject of this resolution is a partial acquisition from a 40-acre hillside unimproved parcel owned by [REDACTED]. Funding will be provided by FEMA and the project is proposed to commence in summer of 2009.

The proposed right-of-way acquisition from the subject property consists of 13,672 square feet as roadway and utility easement (to clarify location of the ownership of the existing roadway) and 31,138 square feet as drainage, and maintenance easement. There are no improvements located within the areas being purchased. No severance damage or special benefits have been foreseen by the staff appraiser. The appraised value of the land acquisition is \$1,600, which is the agreed amount being paid for the needed right-of-way.

The owners of the property have agreed to accept this amount as compensation for the right-of-way and have signed all necessary right-of-way documents.

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Attachments: Location Map; Acquisition Map; Resolution

On File With Clerk: Grant of Roadway and Utility Easement, Grant of Drainage, Slope, and Maintenance Easement, and Right of Way Contract – Public Highway.

CLERK OF THE BOARD USE ONLY

Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

The attached Resolution will authorize execution of the Right of Way Contract – Public Highway to acquire the described land, including payment in the amount of \$1,600; acceptance of the Grant of Roadway & Utility Easement, and Grant of Drainage, Slope & Maintenance Easement; and refund, if applicable, under Section 5096 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

Appropriations are available in the FY 09/10 Road Maintenance Budget. The land being purchased is required for the project.

The agreement has been approved by County Counsel.

Recommendation:

Approve resolution accepting a Grant of Roadway & Utility Easement, Grant of Drainage, Slope, and Maintenance Easement, and land; authorizing execution of Right of Way Contract – Public Highway; accepting land described therein into the County highway system; authorizing payment of \$1,600, including \$-0- severance for the herein described conveyances; authorizing proration and transfer of taxes on said land; and authorizing refund, if applicable, pursuant to §5096 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; lands of [REDACTED] APN 107-150-029; Project No. M05047 (Fifth Supervisorial District).

Supporting maps are on file at:

County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Office
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

They can be viewed and/or copies requested during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (707) 565-2241 for more information.