

PROPOSAL
FOR THE
SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT TATUM PROPERTY
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PATHWAY AND SAFETY LIGHTING

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Project Location: The property is located immediately northeast of the intersection of San Simeon Drive and San Marcos Road in the unincorporated eastern Goleta Valley. The site is situated east of the Goleta School District's El Camino Elementary School campus and west of the Santa Barbara School District's San Marcos High School. Surrounding the Tatum property is U.S. 101 to the north, high density residential to the east, agriculture to the south and single family residential to the west (see 1st air photo).

Draft Project Description: The County proposes to partner with Goleta Union School District and Santa Barbara School District to construct a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) project on Santa Barbara School District property (referred to as the Tatum property). The proposed project is to construct a simple, all weather, ADA compliant asphalt pathway along the existing dirt pathway alignment immediately north of the southern property line (see 2nd air photo). The existing pathway is approximately 1,300 feet in length and has served over 100 children each day for several decades who are travelling from surrounding neighborhoods east and west of the property to destinations at El Camino Elementary School and San Marcos High School.

To enhance night time safety along the pathway, approximately 10 to 12 solar powered LED lights would be installed (see 3rd photo). The County has successfully installed over 100 of these lights along the Maria Ygnacia Creek and Atascadero Creek bikepaths. Appropriate vegetation clearing and trimming would occur to open the pathway corridor.

Proposed Funding: Measure A contains a competitive grant program which enables the 3 cities and the County to apply for funding for Safe Routes to Schools projects and programs. The County must act as the “sponsoring agency” for local schools to receive funding. The maximum award of funding for an individual project is approximately \$330,000. A preliminary cost estimate of the proposed project is around \$300,000. County staff is offering to take the lead in preparing the grant application. A pre-application is due to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments on Friday, December 21, 2012. County staff requests that a project description and cost estimate acceptable to the Santa Barbara School District be finalized no later than Friday, December 14, 2012.

Santa Barbara School District Participation and Benefits: Because the project is located on SB District property, two actions must occur:

1. The District must provide written support for the project; and
2. The District’s engineer must sign off on the project description and cost estimate.

The District would benefit from the proposed project due to outside funding (Measure A SR2S Grant Program) being used to construct the improvements. In addition, an area with known public safety issues, homeless camps and illegal dumping would have a public improvement constructed that would specifically address these problems. Law enforcement supports the project as it would include night time safety lighting and the asphalt pathway would facilitate easier patrols of the property.



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