

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Urgent _____ Routine X
CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES Phd NO _____
(Information Attached)

BOARD AGENDA # *B-6
AGENDA DATE July 31, 2001
4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH ZACHARY NATHAN ARCHITECT TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR ENHANCEMENT OF ACCESS BY DISABLED PERSONS TO THE 11TH STREET ENTRANCE TO THE MAIN COURTHOUSE BUILDING

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

1. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO CONTRACT WITH ZACHARY NATHAN ARCHITECT TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR ENHANCEMENT OF ACCESS BY DISABLED PERSONS TO THE 11TH STREET ENTRANCE TO THE MAIN COURTHOUSE BUILDING.
 2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO DEVELOP A PLAN CONCEPT TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE MAIN COURTHOUSE AT THE 11TH STREET ENTRANCE, AND TO DEVELOP COST AND SCHEDULE ESTIMATES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DESIGN WORK.
 3. DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE RECOMMENDED ACCESS DESIGN CHANGES FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALONG WITH PROJECT COST AND SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS.
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FISCAL
IMPACT:

The Courthouse access design services will cost a total of \$9,000, including \$6,867 for the proposed services of Zachary Nathan Architect, plus an allowance of an additional 20 hours for reviews with Courthouse users and the public as needed.

This project can be funded using existing appropriations remaining in the Immediate Courtroom Budget Unit, using courthouse augmentation funds, of which approximately \$80,000 remain. Staff recommends transfer of \$9,000 from the Courthouse Remodel Fund for these design services.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-556

On motion of Supervisor Blom , Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Caruso, and Chair Paul
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Simon
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) X Approved as recommended
- 2) _____ Denied
- 3) _____ Approved as amended

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

File No.

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(Con't.)

4. TRANSFER \$9,000 EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE COURTHOUSE REMODEL FUND TO FUND THE COURTHOUSE ADA AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT DESIGN SERVICES.

DISCUSSION:

The public entrance of the existing Main Courthouse in downtown Modesto requires persons to use exterior steps to access the single, public entrance to the security vestibule at the 11th Street side of the facility.

Persons with impaired mobility or disabilities must currently use a separate entrance from the "I" Street side, where the only access ramp is provided to the lower level entrance. From that point, disabled persons must call security staff via a direct paging telephone to be admitted and escorted through security doorways into the Courthouse.

The existing condition does not meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) by requiring separate and non-equal access into the Courthouse. Furthermore, the separate entrance location requires that security staff located at the high-traffic public entrance be sent to the secondary disabled access when called, therefore leaving the security post understaffed at the main entrance.

The proposed services will include the design of access improvements to the main 11th Street entrance to provide for ADA-compliance and convenience to persons with disabilities. The architect will investigate design solutions, cost and schedule impacts for installation of ramps, lifts, power-assisted doors and associated improvements; and will recommend a design solution. The recommended solution will be reviewed by County and Courts staff, and the Chief Executive Officer will return to the Board for approval of the recommended improvements design concept, budget and schedule, and will seek funding for construction of the improvements at that time.

The architect's contract will include continuation of services to prepare construction documents for the recommended design, assistance during the bidding and award process and construction review and management services if the Board approves the recommended design.

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**POLICY
ISSUES:**

Accessibility improvements to the Main Courthouse are consistent with the Board's goals of delivering excellent community service and promoting efficient government operations. The Board's action to improve access will result in greater service to the disabled public and will remedy a significant impairment to access and security concerns at the Main Courthouse.

**STAFFING
IMPACT:**

Chief Executive Office staff will be required to administer this contract and to provide coordination for periodic review meetings, data collection and review of findings and design documentation. Sheriff's staff will be required for initial planning and design review relative to Courthouse security operations. Courts staff will be required for design review.