

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

DEPT: Public Works *dm*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-3

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 4, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Purchase Agreement to Acquire Road Right-of-Way for the Geer Road at Whitmore Avenue Intersection Improvement Project, Parcel Owner Grant Paterson Living Trust, APN: 018-026-005

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the purchase agreement for the subject acquisition.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the agreement.
3. Direct the Auditor-Controller to make the necessary budget adjustments per the financial transaction sheet.
4. Direct the Auditor-Controller to issue a warrant in the total amount of \$8,750, payable to Fidelity National Title Company, for the purchase amount of \$7,250 and \$1,500 for estimated escrow fees and title insurance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated cost for this project is \$2,038,811. The \$8,750 for the purchase of this right-of-way is funded 100% by the Regional Transportation Impact Fee Program (RTIF) and consists of \$7,250 for the purchase of the road easement, \$1,500 for estimated escrow and title insurance fees.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-155

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN.

DISCUSSION:

In January 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved the Public Works Department Traffic Congestion Relief Program. The Traffic Congestion Relief Program provides for the installation of traffic signals, left turn lanes and related improvements on selected roadways throughout the County, including the improvements to the Geer Road at Whitmore Avenue intersection.

In June 2004, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to RBF Consulting for environmental and engineering services for the Traffic Congestion Relief Project "D". This project consists of intersection improvements at two intersections on Geer Road. The two intersections are Geer Road at Hatch Road and Geer Road at Whitmore Avenue.

The proposed new traffic signal and additional through lanes and turn lanes will improve traffic safety and enhance the flow of traffic through these intersections. Installation of safety lighting and shoulder widening will also be completed.

On June 5, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for intersection improvements at Geer Road at Whitmore Avenue.

To accomplish this project, the County will need to acquire additional right-of-way from the parcel on the west side of Geer Road north of Whitmore Avenue. The property owner has agreed to accept the following:

Property Owners	Amount of Compensation	Assessors Parcel Number	Right-of-Way Area
Grant Paterson Living Trust	\$7,250	018-026-006	3,207 s.f.

The amount of compensation has been determined to be within the range of just compensation by an independent appraiser hired by the County.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board should consider if the recommended actions are consistent with its priorities of providing a safe community, a healthy community and a well-planned infrastructure system.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.