## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS **ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY DEPT:** Public Works **BOARD AGENDA#** February 9, 2010 AGENDA DATE Urgent [ Routine **CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES** 4/5 Vote Required YES NO NO 🔳 (Information Attached) SUBJECT: Approval to Adopt the Negative Declaration for the McHenry Avenue Widening - Phase 1 (Ladd Rd to Hoque Rd) Project STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. Find the project is consistent with the overall goals and policies of the Stanislaus County General Plan. 2. Adopt the Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(B), by finding on the basis of the whole record, including the Initial Study and any comments received, that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Negative Declaration reflects Stanislaus County's independent judgment and analysis. 3. Order the filing of a Notice of Determination with the Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder's Office pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21125 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15075. FISCAL IMPACT: There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended actions for adoption of the Negative Declaration. The estimated cost of the McHenry Avenue Widening project is \$3.2 million and will be funded by Public Facility Fee Regional Transportation Impact Fees.

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

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**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:** 

Approval to Adopt the Negative Declaration for the McHenry Avenue Widening - Phase 1 (Ladd Rd to Hogue Rd) Project

## DISCUSSION:

As approved by the Board of Supervisors, the McHenry Avenue Widening project is to widen McHenry Avenue between Ladd Road to the south and Hogue Road to the north. This widening will provide two through lanes and a dual left turn lane in the center of the road. To accomplish this project, pavement will be widened on both sides of the road, widened shoulders will be provided, additional right-of-way will be acquired from the adjacent properties, and additional storm drainage facilities will be constructed.

In December 2007, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to Associated Engineering for the design of the McHenry Avenue Widening project (Ladd Road to Hogue Road). The Board also awarded a contract to Sycamore Environmental for the preparation of the environmental clearance documents in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Sycamore Environmental has prepared and circulated a Negative Declaration to various agencies and to the public. The public comment period closed on November 3, 2009. Public Works staff received comments from four agencies and has incorporated the comments into the Final Initial Study/Negative Declaration.

## **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.

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