



City of Santa Barbara
Mayor and Council Office

Memorandum

DATE: February 25, 2016

TO: Paul Casey, City Administrator

FROM: Bendy White
Randy Rowse

SUBJECT: Highway 101 Widening Project

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- Summary of Information to be Presented to the City Council

On December 15, 2015, Judge Anderle ruled that part of Caltrans' Highway 101 widening EIR was inadequate under CEQA. One of Judge Anderle's principal concerns was the manner in which the EIR handled local intersection traffic impacts, including several in Santa Barbara. We also understand that a portion of the EIR will need to be revised and recirculated for public comment.

We request staff to return to us with information on the issues covered by Judge Anderle's ruling, as well as Caltrans' and SBCAG's plans for how to address those issues.

- Statement of Specific Action the Council will be asked to take

- We ask Council to consider what role, if any, the City should have in this next phase of EIR preparation. We might, for example, choose to comment on the recirculated EIR and/or offer greater collaborative technical assistance to the Caltrans and SBCAG.

- Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Requested Action

The upcoming Highway 101 project will have major impacts---both positive and negative---on Santa Barbara. The revisions to the EIR could trigger revisions to the project. Santa Barbara needs to be at the table when those revisions are considered.