

REVIEW AFTER FINAL**1. U.S. HIGHWAY 101 AT SALINAS STREET**

(3:10) Assessor's Parcel Number: 099-MSC-PW
 Application Number: MST2004-00701
 Owner: City of Santa Barbara and State of California
 Applicant: Michael Sandecki, Caltrans

(This is a request of Caltrans to perform operational improvements between Milpas Street and Hot Springs and Cabrillo Boulevard. The project is a wetland mitigation site situated on Parks and Recreation property consisting of approximately 400 cubic yards of soil and concrete rubble removal to be replaced with landscaping and irrigation. The project requires Planning Commission approval for a Coastal Development Permit.)

(Review After Final to amend the approved Coastal Development Permit for the Highway 101 Milpas to Hot Springs/Cabrillo Operational Improvements Project, to widen Highway 101 to three lanes in the vicinity of the Salinas Street on/off-ramps. The project will require the reduction or elimination of previously improved landscaping in the median (between the northbound and southbound lanes) and the area adjacent to the new soundwalls. The project also includes relocation of a portion of the soundwall near the end of the offramp and installation of guard railings. Project requires Compatibility Analysis comments and Planning Commission review to amend a Coastal Development Permit.)

Actual time: 3:07

Present: David Beard, Project Manager; David Emerson, Landscape Architect; Jim Porano, Design Manager

Mr. Beard provided background information about the project and responded to questions from board members.

Public comment was opened at 3:36 p.m.

Philip Suding, opposed: concerned about the median reduction and lack of design exception for the corridor.

Caroline Klein, opposed: concerned about the negative construction impacts of her property and safety.

Fatima Nurray, opposed to the added lane and the spending public funds for construction.

Public comment was closed.

Phil Suding: clarified that what is being called the third lane was designed as a transition lane onto Hot Springs.

Motion: Continued indefinitely to the Full Board with the following comments:

The project is not supportable as presented. The proposal is not consistent with the aesthetic design guidelines for the Salinas Street portion of Highway 101 as a gateway into the City.

Action: Sherry/Aurell, 7/0/0. Motion carried.

REVIEW AFTER FINAL**1. CITYWIDE - U.S. HIGHWAY 101**

(3:50) Assessor's Parcel Number: 099-MSC-PW
 Application Number: MST2004-00701
 Owner: City/State
 Applicant: Julie McGuigan, Caltrans

(This is a request of Caltrans to perform operational improvements between Milpas Street and Hot Springs and Cabrillo Boulevard. The project is a wetland mitigation site situated on Parks and Recreation property consisting of approximately 400 cubic yards of soil and concrete rubble removal to be replaced with landscaping and irrigation. The project requires Planning Commission approval for a Coastal Development Permit.)

(Second Review After Final. The project was last reviewed on February 7, 2011.)

Actual time: 3:45

Present: David Emerson, Landscape Architect; Erin W , Project Engineer

Dan Gullett, Associate Planner, provided a brief background of the project and announced the appeal to City Council set for April 26.

Public comment was opened at 4:04 p.m.

Alex Pujo: wants a design the city can be proud of for the important entry into Santa Barbara.

Bob Short, representing Montecito Association: concerned that if project is not approved at this time the same design will be reviewed in 10 years.

Phil Suding, local resident, expressed concern that the increased landscape area will not be a planting area and that a 10 foot median is not being provided; suggested reconvening the DRT for further review.

Public comment was closed at 4:10 p.m.

Public comment reopened at 4:34 p.m.

Phil Suding: The appeal regarding landscaping might eliminated if compromise between DRT and applicant can be reached.

Public comment was closed.

Motion: Continued to DRT and return to the Full Board prior to City Council hearing with the following comments:
 1) Study introducing additional trees and other landscape elements at the median strip.
 2) Confirm the number, sizes, and species of all proposed planting.
 3) The Board appreciates the increased median strip and finds that the project moving in a positive direction.

Action: Gilliland/Rivera, 5/0/0. Motion carried. (Aurell and Manson-Hing absent)