

DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: Rick Benson
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Discussion regarding Caltrans alternatives for a permanent fix to Highway 140 and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter endorsing Alternative 'S' as the permanent fix to Highway 140 as result of the Ferguson Rockslide. Caltrans has solicited comments from the public and the Board of Supervisors to help them identify the preferred alternative for permanent fix on Highway 140. In past Board discussions, Alternative 'S' has appeared to garner the greatest amount of support. The comment period ends June 22, 2007.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On May 23, 2007, Caltrans hosted a public meeting in Mariposa County to describe the various alternatives for permanent fix of Highway 140. On May 29, 2007, further information was presented to the Board from Caltrans regarding the alternatives. A second public meeting was conducted by Caltrans on June 12, 2007, in El Portal to present the alternatives to the citizens in that area.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not select an alternative as a permanent fix to Highway 140. The County will not be on record as having a preferred alternative. Individual Board members may write their own letters.

Select a different alternative and direct staff to change the draft letter.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Draft Letter
Source:		Caltrans Permanent Fix Alternatives
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 07-285 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
 Approved
 Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

_____ Requested Action Recommended
_____ No Opinion
Comments:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _____
Deputy

CAO: _____



COUNTY of MARIPOSA

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: RICHARD J. BENSON, CAO

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *mmw*

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding CalTrans Alternatives for a Permanent Fix to Highway 140 and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign a Letter Endorsing Alternative "S" as a Permanent Fix to Highway 140 as a Result of the Ferguson Rockslide

RESOLUTION 07-285

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on June 19, 1007

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discussion Regarding CalTrans Alternatives for a Permanent Fix to Highway 140 and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign a Letter Endorsing Alternative "S" as a Permanent Fix to Highway 140 as a Result of the Ferguson Rockslide (County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Rick Benson noted that June 22nd is the deadline for submitting comments and he advised that CalTrans held an open house in El Portal on June 12th. Discussion was held. Supervisor Aborn stated he was advised that the scoping period has been extended to July 6th. There was no public input. (M)Fritz, (S)Aborn, Res. 07-285 was adopted approving the letter with changes as discussed/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
File

Draft

June 19, 2007

Mr. Kome Ajise
District Director
California Department of Transportation, District 10
1976 Charter Way
Stockton, California 95205

Dear Mr. Ajise:

The Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County thanks you and your staff for your prompt and professional attention to the Ferguson Rockslide. This matter is of extreme importance to the citizens of our county and surrounding areas.

During your presentations on May 23, May 29, and June 12, 2007, you asked for input from the community regarding which of the seven alternatives is preferred as the permanent fix to Highway 140. We have no doubt that the citizens of Mariposa County have given you their individual thoughts and opinions regarding a preferred alternative. The Board of Supervisors have also solicited comments from the community.

As result of discussions conducted on June 19, 2007, the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County wish to go record in support of Alternative 'S.'

We believe this alternative is best suited to serve our community as Alternative 'S' will allow full use of Highway 140 for our citizens as well as visitors. It will allow your department to proceed with the permanent fix with fewer delays since Alternative 'S' includes more traditional engineering and building methods. It is our understanding that this alternative may have fewer environmental constraints and additionally that the costs associated with Alternative 'S' are more reasonable than many of the other alternatives.

Preserving the wild and scenic nature of the Merced River is important to the citizens of Mariposa County. We believe that Alternative 'S' will not hinder the recreational use of the river and that the implementation of this alternative will provide for minimal disruptions for travel along Highway 140 during construction.

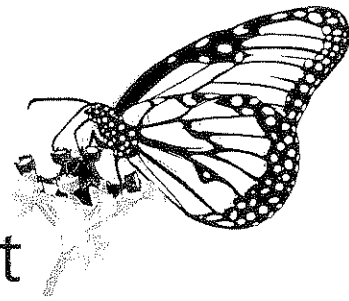
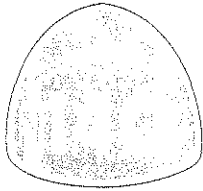
We appreciate the opportunity to participate in such an important decision and we stand ready to assist in whatever manner possible to help assure a rapid re-opening of Highway 140. We also urge you to take whatever actions possible while planning for construction to allow full use of Highway 140 by buses as soon as practical.

Sincerely,

JANET BIBBY
Chairman

JB/RB/mbh

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Congress Member George Radanovich
State Senator Dave Cogdill
Assembly Member Tom Berryhill



Restoration Project

Alternative E
(Slide Removal)

Remove the rockslide and restore State Route 140 on the existing alignment.

Alternative R
(Rock Shed/Tunnel)

Construct a rock shed through rockfall debris (talus) and restore the highway on the existing alignment.

Alternative C
(Open-Cut Realignment)

Realign the highway to the northeast spanning the Merced River and bypassing the rockslide. State Route 140 would cut through the mountain across from the rockslide and then span back across the river where it would meet the existing alignment. Two bridges would be constructed to cross the river. The highway would be constructed with two 12-foot lanes and 8 foot outside shoulders.

Alternative T
(Tunnel Realignment)

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Alternative S
(Viaduct Realignment)

Realign the highway to the northeast spanning the Merced River with two bridges and bypassing the rockslide with a hill-side viaduct. The highway would be constructed with two 12-foot lanes and 8 foot outside shoulders.

Alternative T-2
(Southern Tunnel Realignment)

Realign the highway south of the Ferguson rockslide by tunneling one mile through the mountain.

No Build

State Route 140 would remain damaged and blocked by the rockslide. This alternative would not meet the purpose and need of the project.

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

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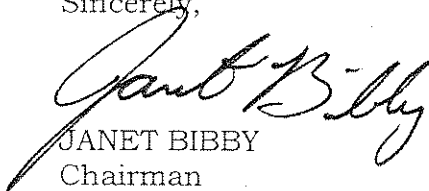
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Congress Member George Radanovich
State Senator Dave Cogdill
Assembly Member Tom Berryhill
Lance Brangham, Caltrans

September 12, 2007

Margie -

Per your direction I have re-created Resolution # 07-283 & 07-285 approved on June 19, 2007 regarding the Alternatives for a permanent fix to Highway 140 and the review and approval of report on the economic effects of continuing length restriction on Highway 140 for your initials. I have also created minute orders for both and have attached them for your initials.

One of the copies that I used to re-create a Res. does not have Rick's initials; I will obtain this prior to finalizing and filing.

don't worry about initials

If you have any questions you know where I am ☺

Tracy

*Thanks -
maybe the originals will
show up.
Tracy*