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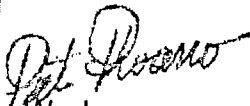
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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber 
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF JANUARY 12, 2016, AGENDA ITEM 34-A BOUQUET CANYON ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

On January 12, 2016, Agenda Item 34-A, the Board directed Public Works to work with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and report back to the Board in 30 days with a plan to improve the safety of Bouquet Canyon Road. We have met with representatives from both the Forest Service and CHP and mutually agreed on the following actions to improve the safety of Bouquet Canyon Road.

1. The CHP will continue to engage in active enforcement activity on Bouquet Canyon Road identifying driving behavior, which is unsafe and in violation of established code(s) and law(s), resulting in the appropriate enforcement action. Further, CHP will continue to track ongoing enforcement efforts and collision statistics occurring on Bouquet Canyon Road.
2. Public Works will conduct a comprehensive traffic study of Bouquet Canyon Road, which will include the following items to further enhance safety. The study will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.
 - Evaluate the existing speed limit on Bouquet Canyon Road to ensure that it complies with the California Vehicle Code or revise accordingly.
 - Evaluate the existing roadway curves along Bouquet Canyon Road to determine if any warning and advisory speed signs are recommended.
 - Evaluate the need for guardrails for fixed objects and embankments.
 - Review and evaluate specific locations identified as having a collision history to determine if any additional traffic control devices are recommended.

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3. The Forest Service will expedite its review and approval of any recommendations resulting from Public Works' traffic study.

Public Works will provide the Board with a status report on the results of the CHP enforcement efforts and Public Works' traffic study by May 5, 2016.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Pat Proano, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4018.

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BOARD MOTION OF JANUARY 12, 2016, AGENDA ITEM 34-A BOUQUET CANYON ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS BOARD REPORT

On January 12, 2016, Agenda Item 34-A, the Board instructed Public Works to work with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) on a plan to improve the safety of motorists and other users of Bouquet Canyon Road.

Background

Public Works operates and maintains portions of Bouquet Canyon Road located upon Federal lands under Special Use Permits dated February 27, 1933, and March 9, 1959. The Forest Service issued the permits to the Los Angeles County Road Department (now Public Works) for the purposes of construction, maintenance, and improvement of the public highway.

Bouquet Canyon Road currently carries nearly 2,300 vehicles per day. Various traffic controls and other improvements have been installed over time such as signs, roadway striping, and markings, in accordance with engineering judgment, standards, and requirements existing at the time the improvements were installed.

In September 2011, Public Works conducted a Road Safety Audit, which resulted in similar recommendations described above. We continue to evaluate, prioritize, and move forward with those recommendations that will provide the best traffic safety enhancements commensurate with the Road Fund.

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Subsequent to the Board's motion on January 12, 2016, the following activities have taken place:

- The CHP has increased enforcement on Bouquet Canyon Road and made over 300 enforcement contacts resulting in the issuance of traffic citations, a Driving Under the Influence arrest, and vehicle impounds. The CHP has assured the Department that it will continue to provide increased active enforcement and identify unsafe driving behaviors. In addition, the CHP will continue to offer free traffic safety education classes and programs.
- In April 2016, Public Works completed an Engineering and Traffic Survey for Bouquet Canyon Road, which included taking speed measurements, reviewing traffic collision reports, and identifying roadway segments for potential reduced speed limits. Based on the analysis of the results of the survey, the speed limit on Bouquet Canyon Road was recommended to be lowered from 55 mph to 45 mph between Mile Markers 8.00 and 15.74. The traffic regulation recommending this speed limit reduction was approved by the Board on May 10, 2016. The 45 mph speed limit signs were installed on May 13, 2016.

This serves as the final report to the Board on this item.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Pat Proano, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4018.

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