

AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL		Agenda Time Estimates: 15 Minutes or <input type="checkbox"/> Consent	Leave Blank: <u>156</u>	Date/Time Rec'd: <u>8/29/11 JP</u>
TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM: Matthew W. Granger, County Counsel		CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Name: Matt Granger Phone No: 636-4040	NUMBER OF CERTIFIED COPIES REQUIRED:	
MEETING DATE: September 13, 2011	(1) SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING CONSIDERATION OF THE MOST SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY 152 TRADE CORRIDOR AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2008-98			
(2) BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Attach additional pages if necessary): Our office was requested by Supervisor Barrios to prepare a draft resolution for the Board of Supervisors' consideration supporting the most southern alignment of the proposed Route 152 Project. The proposed resolution is attached hereto. In 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2008-98 in support of the project with a proposed alignment that is located in the most northerly area of San Benito County and southerly area of Santa Clara County. Resolution 2008-98 is attached hereto as Exhibit "1."				
(3) OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None.				
(4) SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THIS ITEM: <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		(5) PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS ON THIS SPECIFIC ITEM:		
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S): NONE		(7) CURRENT YEAR COST: \$ 0	(8) ANNUAL COST: \$ 0	(9) BUDGETED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
(10) WILL PROPOSAL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, STATE NUMBER: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Permanent Limited Term </div>				
(11) RECOMMENDED ACTION(S): It is respectfully requested that the Board consider and adopt Resolution No. 2011-____, supporting consideration of the most southern alignment of the proposed Highway 152 Trade Corridor and amending Resolution 2008-98.				
<u>Barbara Thompson</u> Barbara Thompson, Asst. County Counsel SIGNATURE OF AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE		<u>9/6/11</u> DATE		

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<input type="checkbox"/> ACKNOWLEDGED	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION NO. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SET PUBLIC HEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE NO. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO ACTION TAKEN _____

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk of the Board DATE: _____	
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO)
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) Resolution No. 2011-_____
SUPPORTING CONSIDERATION OF)
THE MOST SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT)
OF THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY 152)
TRADE CORRIDOR AND AMENDING)
RESOLUTION 2008-98)
_____)

WHEREAS, various proposals have been set forth regarding the proposed 152 Trade Corridor including alternatives which have been labeled "Alternative A", "Alternative B", "Alternative C", and "Alternative D", a map of which is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative C is the most southerly of the four alternatives presented; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative C would largely utilize existing roadways and transverse just north of the Hollister Airport and the City of Hollister; and,

WHEREAS, the slight increase in distance as compared to Alternative A is minimal and is offset by numerous other benefits presented by Alternative C; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative C, as the most southerly alignment, may be environmentally superior due to the fact that this route would transverse less FEMA Designated Floodplain and would utilize, to a large extent, existing right of way corridors; and,

WHEREAS, the utilization of existing routes would also reduce visual impacts of the proposed project; and,

WHEREAS, utilization of existing routes would reduce the conversion of agricultural farmland; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative C, as the most southerly alignment, would provide key economic benefits to San Benito County, which has been experiencing significant economic challenges in recent years, including more than a 20% unemployment rate in early 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative C, as the most southerly alignment, would allow traffic flow on an alignment that skirts just north of the Hollister Airport and local industrial parks, providing an opportunity for increased economic activity in San Benito County; and,

WHEREAS, other alternatives that primarily transverse undeveloped agricultural land do not stimulate local economic activity in San Benito County, and do not allow the opportunity for additional development along the proposed route, such as truck stops, gasoline stations, or restaurants, without additional visual and agricultural impacts in a more rural area of the County; and,

WHEREAS, if selected, Alternative C would serve as a gateway to the agricultural and tourism sections of San Benito County, without eliminating the option of the traveling public to obtain services at other locations on Highway 101; and,

WHEREAS, the southerly alignment of the 152 Trade Corridor will meet the transportation objectives of the 152 Trade Corridor, including but not limited to, improving the movement of goods between the Northern Central Coast and the Central Valley, reducing travel time, removing bottlenecks, and enhancing safety; and,

WHEREAS, Alternative C would also benefit a significant segment of San Benito County residents who commute out of County each day as Highway 25 is currently a congested two-lane highway that will need additional future improvements regardless of the alignment of the Trade Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County hereby recognizes that in November 2007 and September 2008, a previous Board of Supervisors supported a northerly alignment as the best route for the proposed project; and,

WHEREAS, the current Board of Supervisors of San Benito County has now determined that the southerly alignment presented by Alternative C would present a valuable economic benefit to the County not available in the other proposed alternatives, as well as additional benefits discussed in this resolution, and therefore, the Board of Supervisors desires to modify its previous position on the design on this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors that the Board of Supervisors hereby amends Resolution 2008-98, and hereby requests that Alternative C, the southerly-most alignment proposal for the Highway 152 Trade Corridor, be studied as the proposed Project Route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors that in the event that Alternative C is not designated as the proposed project, Alternative C should still be studied as an alternative in any environmental document which is prepared. Full consideration of this Alternative during the environmental process will allow this Alternative to be ultimately approved if it is determined superior and will ensure that consideration of Alternative C is not prematurely eliminated at this point in time.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
SAN BENITO THIS 13TH OF SEPTEMBER 2011 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes: Supervisor(s):
Noes: Supervisor(s):
Absent: Supervisor(s):
Abstain: Supervisor(s):

By: _____
Margie Barrios, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Denise R. Thome
Clerk of the San Benito County
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
Matthew W. Granger
County Counsel

By: _____
Denise R. Thome, Clerk

By: Barbara Thompson
Barbara Thompson, Assistant County Counsel

Date: _____

Date: 9/6/11

State Route 152

CORRIDOR ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES



Alternative Components	Length (miles)	Travel Time (minutes)	Probable Costs Range (millions)
Alt A			
No Build 1	74.9	17	NA
SR 152 to US 101	11.9		
Existing SR 152	3.0		
Existing US 101	1.5	16.5	NA
Alt B			
No Build 2	1.4		
SR 152 to SR 25	2.6		
Existing SR 25	7.0	8.5	\$232 - \$264
Existing SR 152	7.2		\$147 - \$160
Existing SR 25	3.5		\$85 - \$104
Alt C			
No Build 3	12.2	10.5	\$265 - \$325
Existing SR 152	7.5		\$155 - \$190
Existing SR 25	4.8		\$105 - \$135
Alt D			
No Build 4	13.8	12	\$216 - \$307
Existing SR 152	7.5		\$185 - \$205
Existing SR 25	8.3		\$147 - \$179
Existing SR 152	0.9		\$4 - \$5
TOTAL	10.5	9	\$216 - \$307
Existing SR 152	7.5		\$178 - \$218
Existing SR 25	1.9		\$37 - \$46

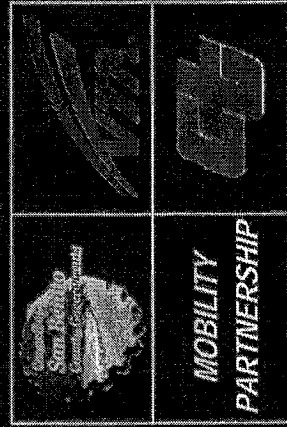


Exhibit A

EXHIBIT "1"

Resolution No. 2008-98

**RESOLUTION OF SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY
152 AS THE MAJOR ROUTE TO ADDRESS REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC**

WHEREAS, San Benito County is geographically located as a major regional transportation corridor to facilitate truck and vehicular traffic to and from the San Joaquin Valley to the coastal regions of Northern California; and

WHEREAS, Highway 152 is the major artery in the region and part of the Highway 152/156 traffic corridors; and

WHEREAS, truck and vehicular traffic in, around and through San Benito County is increasing annually at an accelerated rate which threaten the health and safety of drivers and residents of the region while creating congestion, deterioration of efficient circulation systems and increased emissions; and

WHEREAS, without improvements to Highway 152 interregional truck traffic will continue to divert to alternative routes which cause delays, cost additional expense to an already unsteady economy; and adversely impact the ability of local traffic to move within San Benito County efficiently and safely especially on Highways 25 and 156; and

WHEREAS, efficient movement of goods within the region and the state is a statewide priority; and

WHEREAS, improvements to Highway 152 to accommodate truck traffic is the most direct and safest route to and from the San Joaquin Valley and the coastal regions of Northern California; and

WHEREAS, improvements to Highway 152 must accommodate future traffic demands for decades-to-come; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors has gone on record establishing improvements to Highway 152 as one of its highest transportation projects and requested consideration by state and regional transportation regulatory agencies to designate Highway 152 as the primary route between the San Joaquin Valley and beyond to the coastal regions of Northern California.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors strongly supports that Highway 152 be designated as the primary commercial route from the San Joaquin Valley to the coastal regions of Northern California to helping to relieve the future congestion on Highway 156 and Highway 25; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors supports a Highway 152 alignment that begins at a point near the San Felipe Road/Highway 152 intersection and continues in Santa Clara County to a point near the Pajaro River or Bloomfield Road on Highway 25 where it enters San Benito County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, in order to accommodate traffic demands into the future supports a six (6) lane Highway 152 realignment with one (1) lane in either direction designated as the preferred regional truck route; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors will not support any modification of the San Benito County Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan without the realignment conditions specified in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors strongly urges that the improvements to Highway 152 as specified herein be completed no later than ten (10) years from the date of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, State of California, at the meeting of said Board held on 9th day of September 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Marcus, Botelho, Loe, Monaco, De La Cruz
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

BY: Jaime De La Cruz
JAIME DE LA CRUZ, CHAIR
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
Dennis LeClere, County Counsel

[Signature]

ATTEST:
Linda Churchill, Clerk of the Board

by: Janet Slipages
Deputy Clerk

ADMINISTRATION – R. Inman:

- 34) **Rescind lay-off of one (1) Sheriff Lieutenant; allocate one (1) Sheriff Sergeant and add it to schedule of positions and delete one (1) Sheriff Lieutenant; authorize payment of accrued benefits over FY 2011/12 and FY 2012/2013; rescind lay-offs of one (1) Deputy Sheriff and two (2) Correctional Officers; approve appropriation and revenues of \$252,700 in Sheriff Operations and \$172,300 in Sheriff Jail as shown on attached operating Budget Transfer Adjustment.**

Hollister resident Marty Richman spoke under public comment.

*Upon motion duly made by Supervisor De La Cruz and seconded by Supervisor Barrios, **rescinded** lay-off of one (1) Sheriff Lieutenant; **allocated** one (1) Sheriff Sergeant and **added** it to schedule of positions and delete one (1) Sheriff Lieutenant; **authorized** payment of accrued benefits over FY 2011/12 and FY 2012/2013; **rescinded** lay-offs of one (1) Deputy Sheriff and two (2) Correctional Officers; **approved** appropriation and revenues of \$252,700 in Sheriff Operations and \$172,300 in Sheriff Jail as shown on attached operating Budget Transfer Adjustment. (Unanimous) File #630*

CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER – J. P. Gonzalez:

- 35) **Adopt Resolution establishing Audit Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County; Chairperson appoints two members to Audit Committee and Board affirm said appointments.**

Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joe Paul Gonzalez gave a staff report.

*Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Barrios and seconded by Supervisor Botelho, **adopted Resolution No. 2011-81** establishing an Audit Committee as a standing committee of the Board of Supervisors. (Unanimous)*

Chair Barrios appointed herself and Supervisor Muenzer to serve on the Audit Committee for the remainder of the year.

*Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Botelho and seconded by Supervisor De La Cruz, **accepted** Chair Barrios' recommendation for appointment of Supervisors Barrios and Muenzer to the Audit Committee. (Unanimous) File #608*

COUNTY COUNSEL – M. Granger:

- 36) **Adopt Resolution supporting consideration of the most Southern Alignment of the proposed Highway 152 Trade Corridor and amending Resolution 2008-98.**

Supervisor Botelho recused himself from the matter as the study encompassed property that he owned. Supervisor Botelho then left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Those speaking under public comment were; Ron Vaccarezza president of the San Benito County Farm Bureau, Hollister resident Pat Loe, Hollister resident Janet Brians, Brad Sullivan of Lombardo and Gilles and Joe Zanger of the San Benito County Farm Bureau.

*Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Rivas and seconded by Supervisor Muenzer, **directed** staff to draft a letter with strong language to be brought back to the Board for approval. (The motion passed 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained [Botelho]). File #156*

Supervisor Botelho returned to the meeting.