

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:

October 3, 2023

CATEGORY:

Consent Calendar 6

SUBJECT:

Accept the donation of two speed feedback signs from the North Cow Creek School and find the donation and installation of the signs categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities.

DEPARTMENT:

Public Works

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:

District 3

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works, (530) 225-5661

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:

Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works

Vote Required?

Simple Majority Vote

General Fund Impact?

No General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the donation of two speed feedback signs and associated hardware valued at a total of \$11,865.77 from the North Cow Creek School for installation on Swede Creek Road near North Cow Creek School and find the donation and installation of the signs categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities.

DISCUSSION

Speed feedback signs use radar to display the speed of passing vehicles. The signs can be an effective traffic calming tool. The feedback encourages drivers to drive within posted speed limits. The North Cow Creek School wishes to encourage safe driving within the school zone on Swede Creek Road and has offered to donate two speed feedback signs and flashing beacons for installation in the school zone. The Donation is subject to County Administrative Policy Number 2-401. Upon acceptance of the donation, the County would become the owner of the signs and beacons. The County intends to utilize work forces from Public Works to install and maintain the signs and beacons. If the equipment becomes inoperable and replacement is deemed necessary or reasonable by the County, then the County may replace the inoperable equipment provided that the cost is within budget and further provided that the purchase and work related thereto comply with applicable law and County policy.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may decline to accept the donated signs. School zone speed limits would still apply, but drivers would not receive the additional reinforcing feedback. The Department could purchase and install the signs. The ongoing practice has been to partner with the school district when dealing with school-related traffic issues.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the donation. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient appropriations are included in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 Roads budget for installation and maintenance of the signs and beacons. Gas Tax revenue will cover the costs of installation and maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: No Attachment