

NCSPC STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Measure A Hwy 246 - Alamo Pintado Creek Bridge Project

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2021 **AGENDA ITEM:** 6

STAFF CONTACT: Fred Luna

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive presentation on Hwy 246 Alamo Pintado Creek Bridge Project by City of Solvang for Solvang Circulation Improvement funding and North County Regional Cost Savings and recommend approval to SBCAG Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION:
In June 2016, SBCAG presented a cooperative agreement for use by the City of Solvang (City) for improved bicycle and pedestrian connections over the Alamo Pintado Creek near Highway 246 and up to the intersection of Highway 246 and Alamo Pintado Road. The Solvang City Council took action to not move forward with the project and send a letter to SBCAG to reserve the \$600k in Measure A funds as a contribution toward a future Caltrans bridge replacement.

Since then, Caltrans District 5 was able to add the Highway 246 Alamo Pintado Creek Bridge project to the 10-year SHOPP as a long lead project in 2017. The delivery year for the Highway 246 / Alamo Pintado Bridge project is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2026/27. At the June 9th North County Subregional Meeting, the Committee approved the \$600,000 in Measure A cost savings to be used by the City for this project. The NC Committee affirmed that the Measure A funds from North County cost savings that would be contributed toward improvements as part of Caltrans' SHOPP project, were consistent with what was previously approved for a stand-alone project by the City. The Measure A Investment Plan also includes \$600,000 for the Solvang Circulation Improvements. The City, as the project sponsor, has identified the Highway 246 Alamo Pintado Creek Bridge Project as a Circulation Improvement Project.

Under Measure A, a cooperative agreement must be executed between SBCAG and the local agency delivering the "named" project prior to an expenditure of funds. The project is identified in the Measure A Program of Projects with funds programmed in Fiscal Year 2026/27. The total amount of Measure A funding for this project is \$1,200,000. See table below for funding of the project.

Fund Source and Percentage	Fund Amount
Measure A Investment Plan Circulation Improvements Project – 50%	\$600,000
Measure A North County Regional Cost Savings– 50%	\$600,000
Total	\$1,200,000

Staff at the City and SBCAG have drafted a cooperative agreement. The Solvang City Council is scheduled to approve the agreement on August 9th. The cooperative agreement specifies the scope of work, the roles and responsibilities of the two agencies, and the funding plan for the work covered by the cooperative agreement.

Project Scope and Status

Caltrans has completed a Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Highway 246/Alamo Pintado Bridge project. Construction is scheduled for FY 26/27. The completion of the PID allows for the programming of funding for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED), Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E) and Right of Way (RW) phases. Work on the PA&ED will commence in summer of 2022. During the PA&ED phase, Caltrans will evaluate alternatives to meet the project purpose and need of which the pedestrian and bicycle improvements are critically important. The project components will need to meet requirements for the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

The scope of the project consists of replacing the Alamo Pintado Bridge, replace drainage systems, add curb & gutter, sidewalk and bike lane improvements, upgrade sign panels, and upgrade ADA curb ramps at the intersection of SR 246 and Alamo Pintado Road. More information is included in Attachment A.

Attachment:

- A. Project Fact Sheet for Highway 246 Alamo Pintado Creek Bridge Project

ATTACHMENT A

Project proposed: Highway 246 / Alamo Pintado Creek Bridge Project

SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

Project Location:

District 5, Highway/State Route 246, Santa Barbara County, City of Solvang, PM 30.28 / PM 31.385. This project is in Santa Barbara County on California State Route 246 (SR 246) from the Alamo Pintado Road intersection to Entrance Way.

Scope of Work:

The project proposes to replace the Alamo Pintado Bridge (51-0130), replace drainage systems, add curb & gutter, sidewalk and bike lane improvements, upgrade sign panels, and upgrade ADA curb ramps at the intersection of SR 246 and Alamo Pintado Road.

Deliverables:

At Construction the project will incorporate complete street features by accommodating a Class I Bikeway (multi-use path) on the proposed bridge extending the existing Class I Bikeway to the Alamo Pintado intersection along the north side of SR 246, and include curb & gutter and sidewalk improvements along the north side of SR 246 between Alamo Pintado Road and the proposed bridge.

Highway 246 Alamo Pintado Creek Bike and Pedestrian Bridge Project

