

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-097**

- Adopt a Resolution of Necessity Finding and Determining that: )
- a. The Public Interest and Necessity Require the Davis Road )  
        Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project (Project). )
- b. The Project is planned or located in the manner that will )  
        be most compatible with the greatest public good and the )  
        least private injury. )
- c. The property sought to be acquired is necessary for the )  
        Project. )
- CEQA Action:* Environmental Impact Report certified by the )  
        Board of Supervisors on July 11, 2016. )
- Project Location:* Davis Road between Blanco Road and )  
        Reservation Road, south of the City of Salinas. )
- Property Owners of record:* Susan E. Linscott, Christopher )  
        George Davis, Eric Lee Davis (AKA Eric Verskusky), )  
        Lisa Marie Linscott, Heirs and devisees of George L. )  
        Davis, Successor trustees and beneficiaries of the Will of )  
        George T. Davis, et al. )
- (Applicable to Property: APN 207-041-006) )

**WHEREAS**, the public interest and necessity require the proposed Hartnell Road Bridge Replacement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the power of eminent domain may be exercised to acquire property for a proposed project only if all of the following are established:

- a. The Public Interest and Necessity Require the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project (Project).
- b. The Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.
- c. The property sought to be acquired is necessary for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the roadway easements to be acquired are located within the unincorporated area of the County of Monterey and consist of a Permanent Roadway Easement, and a Temporary Construction Easement (2.888 acres and 0.085 acres, respectively) fronting Davis Road and Hitchcock Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks (PWFP) is proposing the DAVIS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 208, STATE PROJECT NO. 44C-0068, FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. BRLS-5944 (068) (Project) to replace the existing two-lane, low-level Davis Road Bridge (Bridge No.

44C-0068) over the Salinas River with a longer bridge that meets current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requirements and widen Davis Road from two (2) lanes to four (4) lanes for approximately 2.1 miles between Blanco Road on the north and Reservation Road on the south; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Davis Road bridge is a low-level crossing that is regularly overtopped during the larger flow of the Salinas River and the Project will construct an all-weather crossing over the Salinas River; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for widening Davis Road is articulated in the Regional Transportation Plans developed by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to address regional traffic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2015, the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) Board adopted the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Conceptual Plan that included the all-weather crossing and the four-laning on Davis Road between Reservation Road and Blanco Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project proposes to provide class II bike lanes along Davis Road, and a bus queue-at the intersection of Blanco and Davis Roads to further the multimodal aspect of the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project will also reconstruct the intersections of Reservation Road/Davis Road by replacing the existing signal with a roundabout to offset the additional traffic from the East Garrison Development; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has struggled with obtaining the Permanent Roadway Easement and Temporary Construction Easement from parcel APN 207-041-006 owned by Susan E. Linscott, Christopher George Davis, Eric Lee Davis (AKA Eric Verskusky), Lisa Marie Linscott, Heirs and devisees of George L. Davis, Successor trustees and beneficiaries of the Will of George T. Davis, et al. (hereafter, "subject property") because of the difficulty in identifying and locating all of the property owners of record and potential heirs, the death of one of the property owners and with getting the property owners to respond to the County's communications; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has retained the services of Overland Pacific & Cutler, LLC., (OPC) to perform the appraisals and conduct the right-of-way negotiations for the easements. OPC staff, in consultation with Caltrans Local Assistance staff has recommended that Monterey County adopt a Resolution of Necessity pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1240.030 et seq. to timely secure the Project construction funding. Adoption of a Resolution of Necessity is a preliminary step in the eminent domain process for acquiring the easements for the subject property. Pursuant to California Government Code sections 7260 et seq., 7267.2 and 37350.5, California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1230.010 et seq. and Section 19, Article I of the California Constitution, and other applicable authorities, the County is authorized to acquire the property by eminent domain, provided certain procedural steps are followed; and

**WHEREAS**, County and OPC staff have been in contact with the property owners' representative over the past three (3) years trying to engage the owners to sign the easement

purchase agreement. Based on recent communications with the property owners' representative, and lack of communication with all of the property owners of record and potential heirs, in consultation with OPC, staff has determined that the only remaining option to timely obtain the necessary easements is through initiation of the eminent domain process; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Resolution of Necessity is needed to timely secure grant funding for the construction of the Project. Caltrans and FHWA Program staff are requiring adoption of a Resolution of Necessity prior to programming the estimated \$41.5 Million in Project construction funding; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2016, The Board of Supervisors certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project and directed County staff to proceed with the Project's final design and related activities to be able to construct the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, an EIR Addendum for the Project was prepared to amend the Project design details to incorporate design modifications following the Value Analysis Study Report prepared in 2017. The EIR Addendum was filed and approved by Caltrans on May 8, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project is planned or located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject property is necessary for the proposed Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the taking of the Property is necessary for the proposed Project and such taking is authorized by, *inter alia*, Section 19, Article I of the California Constitution; Sections 37350.5 and 40401 *et seq.* and 40404 of the California Government Code, Sections 5100 *et seq.* and 10102 of the California Streets and Highways Code Sections 1230.010 *et seq.* and 1240.140(b) of the California Code of Civil Procedure, and other applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project funding is at risk due to delays in acquiring and recording the required roadway easements; and

**WHEREAS**, a purchase offer required by Section 7267.2 of the Government Code was made to the property owners of record and to those persons determined by County staff in consultation with OPC to be potential owners of and/or heirs to the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey has complied with Code of Civil Procedure Section 1245.235 regarding the provision of notice to those whose names and addresses appear on the last equalized county assessment roll concerning the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1240.030, the County has provided notice to the property owners of record of the County's intent to approve a Resolution of Necessity and of the reasonable opportunity to appear and be heard at the hearing on this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey has complied with all conditions and statutory requirements necessary to exercise the power of eminent domain (the “right to take”) to acquire the Property.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, that said Board Finds and Determines that:

- a. The Public Interest and Necessity Require the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project.
- b. The Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.
- c. The property sought to be acquired is necessary for the Project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

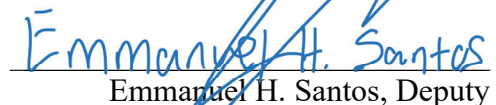
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on March 21, 2023.

Dated: March 23, 2023

File ID: A 23-048

Agenda Item No. 6

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy