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- a. Consider supporting the revised, updated FY 2025-26 Early Success Tier 2 Projects; and
- b. Provide feedback to staff.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Measure AA Standing Committee:

- a. Consider supporting the revised, updated FY 2025-26 Early Success Tier 2 Projects; and
- b. Provide feedback to staff.

SUMMARY:

At the March 19, 2026 Measure AA Committee meeting, the Committee asked Staff to consider revised project limits of Tier 2 PW-Roads projects and other projects. The Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) has reviewed the projects and is returning with revised limits for the Committee to consider.

DISCUSSION:

At the March 19, 2026 Measure AA Committee Meeting, the Committee asked that PWFP-Public Works staff re-evaluate the limits of Tier 2 Projects and consider more projects. The Committee was informed that revenues were greater than funding projections, and thus wanted to explore if Tier 2 Project extents could be increased. Two (2) projects that the Committee suggested were: Vierra Canyon Road and San Benancio Road.

For Vierra Canyon Road, the original limits were from State Route 156 to approximately 1 mile. Staff determined that the road resurfacing could be increased an additional approximately 1.1 miles, taking the resurfacing project to the end of the County-maintained road, leaving no gaps in between and therefore one-long continuous project. The total project length would then be 2.1 miles, for a total project cost estimated at \$2.2 million, which is \$1.2 million greater than the original Tier 2 project estimate.

For San Benancio Road, the Tier 1 limits were from State Route 68 to Harper Canyon Road, approximately 1 mile. The next priority Tier 2 project on San Benancio Road is to repair and resurface the road from milepost 1.0 to milepost 2.0. This segment requires moderately more pavement repair work and is estimated to cost \$1 million. Staff suggests increasing the project by approximately 0.5 miles to the east, due to pavement condition, for an additional \$800k. The total project cost for Tier 1 and Tier 2 is now \$2.8 million.

Scenic Road Protection Structure (SRPS)

While not originally brought forward to the Measure AA Committee for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects in FY 2025-26, Staff brings this to the Committee for their consideration. The SRPS project is a multi-hazard mitigation effort designed to protect Scenic Road, underground public utilities, State Parks facilities (the Carmel River State Beach parking lot and restroom facilities), and access to adjacent residences from erosion, flooding, and sea level rise impacts. Repetitive storm events have caused significant bluff erosion, threatening critical public infrastructure and public safety. The project provides a long-term structural solution to stabilize the bluff and reduce future damages.

Project objectives include:

- Protect Scenic Road and associated public utilities from erosion and scour
- Reduce flood risk associated with northerly river breaches and storm surge
- Increase resilience to sea level rise and climate-driven storm events
- Protect State Parks infrastructure and maintain public access

- Minimize environmental impacts and integrate with natural bluff conditions
- Reduce reliance on emergency and temporary flood protection measures

Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) Department staff applied for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant, through the State liaison CalOES on September 13, 2025. Staff responded to multiple Requests for Information (RFIs) since that submission date. On April 7, 2026, Staff received news that the County was not selected. To keep the project moving, staff has been looking at other grant opportunities and considering other local funds. Concurrently, staff proposes to continue the procurement of a Design and Environmental Consultant team, through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The proposed scope would be phased based on funding availability at given points in time. RFP solicitation and award has historically trended approximately 6 months. As staff reviewed grant opportunities, many of the grants are more competitive when there is a 60% design. Thus, staff is requesting that the Committee consider \$500k for preparation of the RFP, and for initial design and permitting for the SRPS; these funds would be combined with other local funds that staff will be pursuing, for this purpose and to make the SRPS more competitive for grants.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

PWFP staff continues to coordinate with the County Administrative Office Budget & Analysis Division.

FINANCING:

The current Measure AA cash receipts for FY 2025-26, as of April 1, 2026, are \$21,855,353. The FY 2025-26 Budget includes \$5,873,792 in Measure AA funding as approved by the Board. In addition, the Measure AA Committee's recommendations, approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 3, 2026 total \$14.35 million in allocations, including \$9.25 million for PWFP Tier 1 projects \$4.25 million for PWFP Tier 2 projects, and \$850,000 for Housing and Community Development (HCD) Tier 1 projects. After these allocations, the remaining balance is approximately \$1.6 million.

Expanding the original Tier 2 Vierra Canyon Road and San Benancio Road projects, will cost an additional \$2.0 million. Including the requested RFP and initial design/permitting for SRPS will be an additional \$500k. The total of all these requests is \$2.5 million, for the Committee's consideration.

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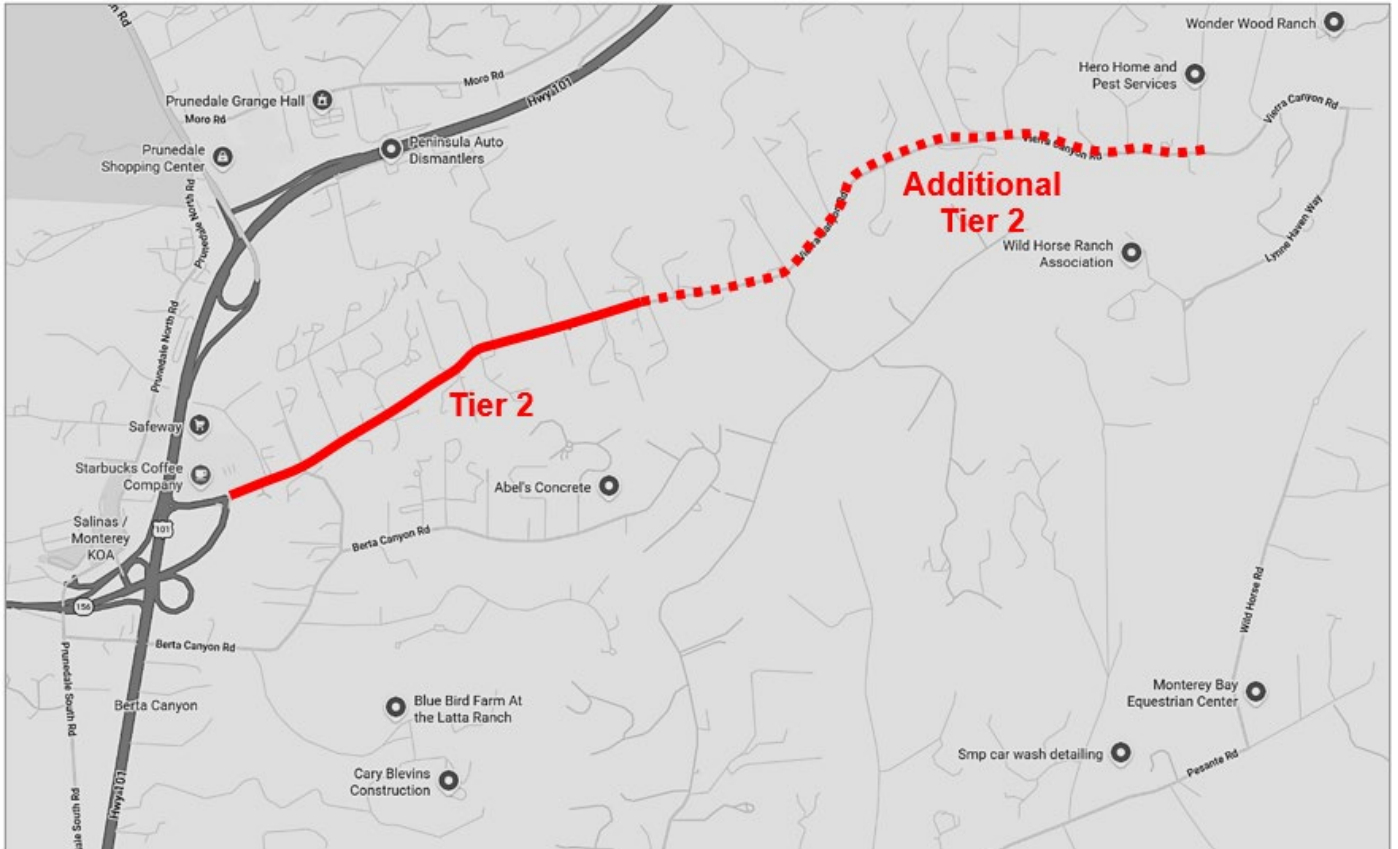
Attachments:

Attachment A – Map of Revised Extents for Vierra Canyon Road and San Benancio Road

Attachment B – Location Map of Scenic Road Protection Structure

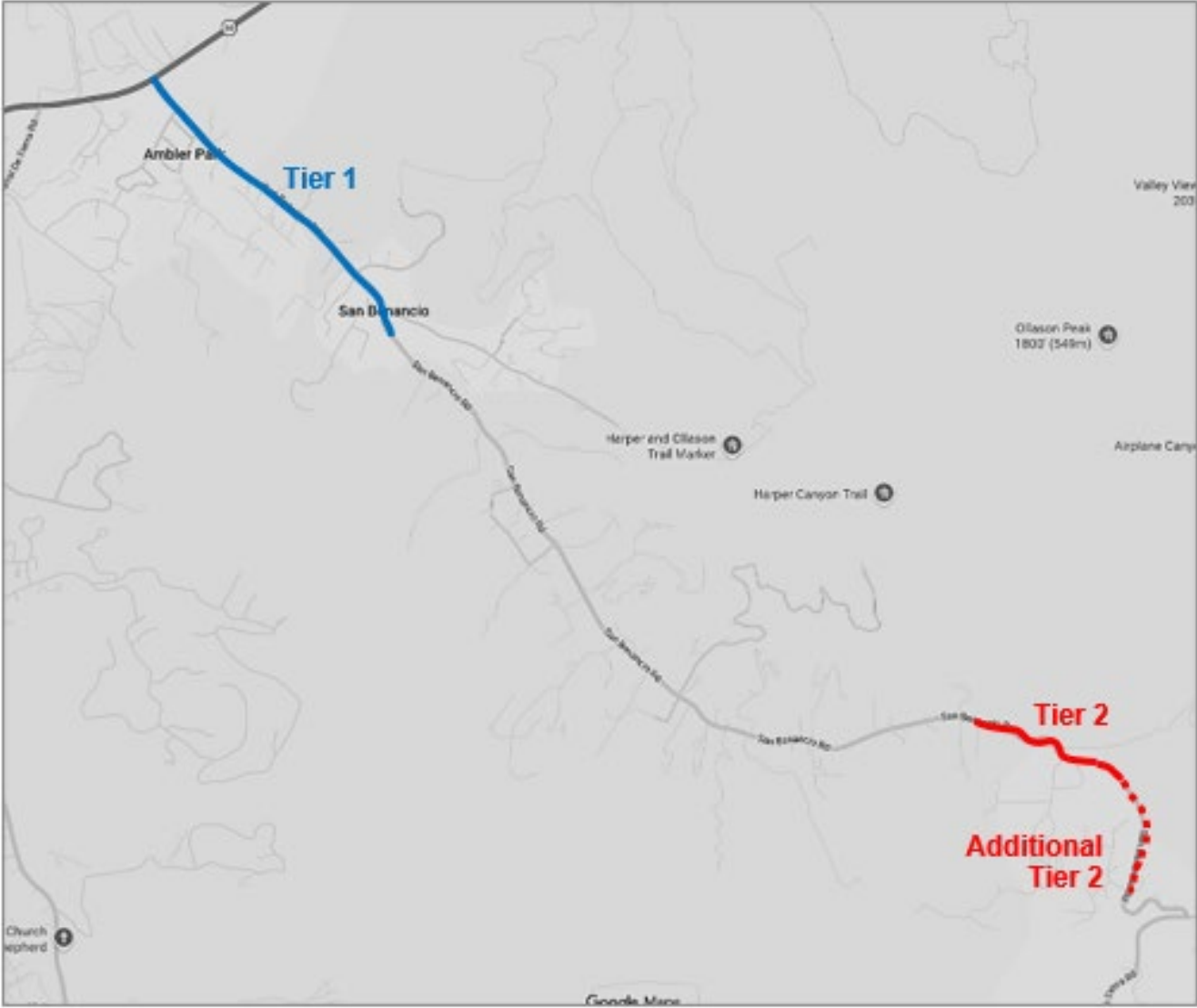
**ATTACHMENT A – MAP OF REVISED EXTENT
Vierra Canyon Road and San Benancio Road**

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ATTACHMENT B – LOCATION MAP OF SCENIC ROAD PROTECTION STRUCTURE

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