



# County of Monterey

**Item No.**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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Salinas, CA 93901

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**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Approve an Agreement to purchase a temporary construction easement between the County of Monterey and Monterey Holdings, LP, (APN 187-131-044), in the amount of \$25,000 for right-of-way for the construction of the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout project, Project No. 1146; and
- b. Approve an Agreement for Driveway Maintenance between the County of Monterey and Monterey Holdings LP; and
- c. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) or their designee to execute the Agreement to purchase a temporary construction easement; and
- d. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) or their designee to execute the Agreement for Driveway Maintenance.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY:

Approval of the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and the Driveway Maintenance Agreement is necessary to proceed with the construction of the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout Project.

### DISCUSSION:

The Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout, Project No. 1146, involves replacing the existing one-way, stop-controlled "T" intersection at Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade with a roundabout (Project). The project site is located at the intersection of Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade, in the northwestern portion of Carmel Valley in unincorporated Monterey County, California.

This project will improve vehicle safety and access at the intersection. The project includes widening Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road at the east and northwest corners of the existing intersection. However, it will not add lanes or increase the intersection's capacity. Medians will also be constructed on Carmel Valley Road to the northwest and southeast of the proposed roundabout, as well as on Laureles Grade to the northeast.

This project was identified as a recommended roadway improvement in the 2016 Regional Roundabout Study prepared for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and the 2018 Carmel Valley Road Corridor Study prepared for the Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP), formerly the Resource Management Agency (RMA).

On February 4, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the Professional Services Agreement with GHD Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout, Request for Proposals #10679, and authorized the use of the Carmel Valley Traffic Mitigation Fees (CVTMF) for professional engineering services for the project.

On April 6, 2023, the Board of Supervisors found that the Project is categorically exempt per California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. On April 27, 2023, PWFP filed a Notice of Exemption for the Project with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse (SCH), a division of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), which coordinates State-level review of environmental documents prepared pursuant to CEQA. The Project has been determined to be categorically exempt (Class 1) because it involves the repair and maintenance of existing streets and similar facilities, which involve no expansion of an existing use (See CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15301 Existing Facilities). Throughout the Course of the project, staff in conjunction with Supervisor District 5 staff have been hosting town hall and community workshops with the public.

Approval of the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and the Driveway Maintenance Agreement is necessary to complete the construction and maintain the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout Project.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement as to form. The Carmel Valley Road Advisory Committee recommended this project in 2018. Previously, staff applied for a grant from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD). A grant in the amount of \$200,000 was awarded to the County by MBARD on March 12, 2024.

FINANCING:

The total estimated Project cost, including engineering, construction management, and construction is \$5,588,054. The Project is funded by the Road Fund, specifically CVTMF, mid-cycle Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding from TAMC, and an AB2766 air resources grant from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD).

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

The project will turn the existing Carmel Valley and Laureles Grade T-Intersection into a roundabout.  
The recommended action supports the following Board of Supervisors' Strategic Initiative:

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Communities

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The following attachments are on file with the Clerk of the Board:

Attachment A - Location Map

Attachment B - Project Budget

Attachment C - Temporary Construction Easement Agreement

Attachment D - Agreement for Driveway Maintenance