

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: June 3, 2008

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SUBJECT: WORKSHOP ON TRAVEL FORECAST FOR THE EASTERN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY OF LOMPOC; STATE ROUTE 246, PURISIMA ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE EXTENSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

- A. Receive a presentation from the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) regarding the Travel Forecast for the eastern entrance to the city; and
- B. Take comments from the public; and
- C. Provide SBCAG with comments.

DISCUSSION:

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has been working on a Corridor Alternatives Study for the eastern entrance to the City of Lompoc. The primary objectives of this study are:

- 1. Identify and assess options such as improving SR246 and the Robinson Bridge to address flooding, improving and extending Central Avenue, and bridging the Santa Ynez River to connect Central Avenue to SR246, and other options as appropriate.
- 2. Assess the cost effectiveness of identified options based on SBCAG SR246/Central/Purisima Travel Forecast Report.
- 3. Assess impacts and benefits of proposed project and alternatives.

The initial work element of the study, 246/Central/Purisima Travel Forecast, has been completed. In cooperation with the City of Lompoc, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the County of Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) prepared the State Route 246/Central Avenue Extension/Purisima Road Traffic Study. The study examines the traffic issues associated with various roadway improvement alternatives to access the City of Lompoc from SR246. A total of four alternatives were identified by the Project Steering Committee during initial project meeting.

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The study presents the findings for the following four alternatives:

- Alt. 1: 2030 Baseline (No-Build)
- Alt. 2: Extend Central Avenue to SR246 as a 2-Lane Minor Arterial
- Alt. 3: Extend Central Avenue to SR246 as a 4-Lane Minor Arterial
- Alt. 4: Widen SR246 east of Route 1 as a 4-Lane Minor Arterial

An executive summary of the traffic study to be presented is attached.

Attachment: [Executive Summary of the State Route 246, Central Avenue Extension and Purisima Road Traffic Study](#)

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

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