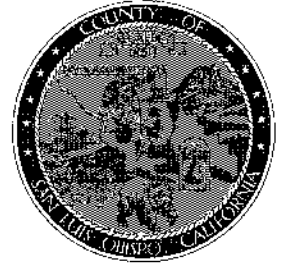


**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office		(2) MEETING DATE August 11, 2009		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nikki Schmidt (805) 781-5496	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve recommended response to the 2008-2009 Grand Jury report titled "Potholes and Priorities: County Road Conditions".					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The 2008-2009 Grand Jury prepared a report that examined County road conditions. The Grand Jury requested that the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Works respond to findings and recommendations contained in the report. The item before the Board includes the recommended response for the Board of supervisors as well as the responses by the Department of Public Works.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board adopt the recommended responses to the Grand Jury report titled "Potholes and Priorities: County Road Conditions" and transmit this response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, with copy to the Foreperson of the Grand Jury by August 14, 2009.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(8) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A		(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(11) OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT (LIST): The Administrative Office prepared the Board of Supervisors recommended response. The Department of Public Works formulated their responses with input from the Administrative Office.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 3 Copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Email Resolution and Ordinance to CR_Board_Clerk (in Word)		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____			(21) W-9 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date N/A
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW					

# County of San Luis Obispo

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**To: Board of Supervisors**

**From: Nikki J. Schmidt, Administrative Analyst**

**Date: August 11, 2009**

**Subject: Responses to 2008-09 Grand Jury Report – “Potholes and Priorities: County Road Conditions”**

**JIM GRANT**  
INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board of Supervisors adopts the recommended responses identified as Attachment 1 to this Board letter as the Board of Supervisor's responses to the 2008-09 Grand Jury report titled "Potholes and Priorities: County Road Conditions" and forward the Board's response, along with the responses by the Department of Public Works (Attachment 2), to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the Grand Jury by August 14, 2009.

## DISCUSSION

The Grand Jury issued a report on June 30, 2009 based upon their investigation of County road conditions, with specific interest on road conditions in the Los Osos area. Overall, the Grand Jury noted that the County maintained roads are generally well managed with the exception of low average pavement condition indices for the communities of Shandon, Santa Margarita, and San Miguel. The report also notes that average pavement indices for Nipomo and Cambria are close to the County's stated goal of 70 on the pavement condition index while Oceano and Los Osos are rated between the two levels (see the attached Grand Jury Report for exact ratings).

The report requires the responses to Findings and Recommendations as identified below:

- San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works is required to respond to Findings 1-4 and Recommendations 1-2 and 4.
- San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors is required to respond to Recommendation 3.

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This report includes the following Attachments.

Attachment 1 – Recommended Response by the Board of Supervisors to the Grand Jury Report

Attachment 2 – July 29, 2009 Department of Public Works Responses to the Grand Jury Report

Attachment 3 – 2008-09 Grand Jury report titled “Potholes and Priorities: County Road Conditions”

Responses from the County Department of Public Works are due to the Presiding Judge by August 14, 2009. The responses from the Board are due to the Presiding Judge by September 13, 2009.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The County Administrative Office procedures include coordinating the departmental responses to Grand Jury reports and preparing recommended responses on behalf of the Board of supervisors. The County Administrative Office reviewed the responses to the Grand Jury report prepared by the Department of Public Works.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Costs for preparing this response are included in the current department budget.

### **RESULTS**

This response will meet the legal requirements and time frames for responding to a Grand Jury report with findings and recommendations.

## ATTACHMENT 1

### August 11, 2009 Recommended Response by the Board of Supervisors to the Grand Jury Report of June 2009 on *Potholes and Priorities: County Road Conditions*

#### Recommendation #3

The Board of Supervisors should designate the county roads budget as one of its highest budget priorities. Locally, as well as nationally, the condition of our infrastructure is essential for public safety, quality of life and a stable fiscal future.

#### Recommended Response

The recommendation has been partially implemented. The Board of Supervisors sets its goals and priorities each year at the beginning of the budget process. While the Board has not specifically designated the County Roads budget as one of its highest budget priorities, the consistent funding of the Roads budget indicates the Board's commitment to the condition of the County's roads. With the exception of FY 2009-10, since FY 2006-07, the Roads' budget has been funded, with General Fund dollars, between \$10 million to \$13 million dollars. The General Fund support for Roads in FY 2009-10 was \$8,392,770. This decrease from FY 2008-09 adopted levels of \$10,096,000 was a result of the General Fund reduction required of all County departments as well as a reduction which contributed to the overall balancing of the County's budget. However, the County was granted, through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, \$2.9 million in Federal Stimulus dollars which more than offset the reduction in General Fund support.

As a comparison of the County's commitment of general fund support to the Roads budget, a survey of three comparable counties was with the following results:

Monterey County contributes \$2 million in general fund dollars to their Road's fund and has since FY 2001-02.

Santa Barbara County contributes \$2,428,328 in general fund money to their Public Works department. Of that amount, \$1,293,189 is designated for the Transportation division. It should be noted, however, that Santa Barbara County does have a voter-approved ½ cent local sales tax for transportation infrastructure system needs.

No general fund contribution is made in Santa Cruz County to their Road fund.