

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**

Prepared on: 05/10/99  
**Department:** Public Works/General Services  
**Department No.:** 063  
**Agenda Date:** May 25, 1999  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
Public Works Department

Ron Cortez, Director  
General Services Department

**STAFF**

**CONTACT:** Erich Brown (3553)

**SUBJECT:** Surf Amtrak Unstaffed Passenger Rail Station,  
County Project No. E85101  
Fourth Supervisorial District

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute Amendment No. 5 to the Fund Transfer Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation extending the contract time period from June 30, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On May 27, 1997, your Board authorized the General Services Department to advertise for bid the Surf Amtrak Unstaffed Passenger Rail Station.

On May 19, 1998, four sealed bids were received and opened at the County Purchasing Office. Gault Construction was the lowest bidder and on June 1, 1998, your Board awarded the construction agreement, in

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the amount of \$499,469, for the Surf Beach Amtrak Station to Gault Construction. Gault Construction went out of business after entering into the construction agreement with the County, but prior to commencing construction activities on the project. The Surety took over the project and re-bid it. On February 22, 1999, the Surety transmitted an Agreement of Release to the County of Santa Barbara offering David Scarry Construction, Inc., as a completing contractor. The Surety paid the difference between the originally bid contract price and the bid from the completing contractor. The project schedule was impacted by the transactions described above and further delayed by the Union Pacific Railroad's lengthy Right-of-Entry process for the completing contractor.

The Fund Transfer Agreement is the instrument by which Caltrans Rail transfers the funds for this project to the County of Santa Barbarbara. The Fund Transfer Agreement between Caltrans Rail and the County currently expires on June 30, 1999, and given the recent scheduling delays this completion date is not realistic. The attached amendment to the Fund Transfer Agreement extends the contract time period to June 30, 2000.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

None.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The ownership and maintenance costs associated with this project are vested jointly and equally between City of Lompoc and the County of Santa Barbara who jointly took title to the property at Surf Beach in a quitclaim deed from Union Pacific Railroad, recorded on November 14, 1997. The County and the City have executed a Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans Rail Program for the ongoing costs of maintaining and operating the boarding platform, parking lot and other project improvements. There are, therefore, fiscal and facilities impacts to the County once the project is completed, the costs of which represent an unfunded liability.

Funding will be made available in Fund 0030, Department 063, Program 1928, Account 8200, Project No. 8407. The funding for this project is being provided through a Fund Transfer Agreement in the amount of \$1,048,000 from Caltrans Rail Program.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send all five (5) original documents and a copy of the Minute Order to Erich Brown, Facilities Service Division, General Services Department. Caltrans will send the County fully executed originals upon Caltrans signature.

**Concurrences:**

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