



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/27/2021

File #: 21-419

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Public Hearing

SUBJECT:

Speed Humps on Kneeland Road (County Road No. F6F060) on Either Side of the Bridgeville School Entrance, in the Bridgeville Area

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Open the public hearing regarding the installation of two speed humps on Kneeland Road in the Bridgeville area, and close the public hearing; and
2. Based upon the public testimony, approve or deny the request for the installation of two speed humps on Kneeland Road on either side of the Bridgeville School entrance.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Road Fund (1200)

DISCUSSION:

The Bridgeville Community Center is requesting approval of two speed humps on Kneeland Road on either side of the entrance to Bridgeville School (Attachment 2), in the Bridgeville area. Kneeland Road has a functional classification of principal arterial. Per the department's Speed Hump Policy (Attachment 4) adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 24, 2007, speed humps may be permitted on roadways with a functional classification of arterial when authorized by the Board of Supervisors. There are no parallel roads within close proximity to Kneeland Road to which traffic might divert if the speed humps are constructed. Pursuant to the Speed Hump Policy, the department is presenting the request for speed humps to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

The petitioner has identified grant funding for this project that is contingent upon approval of the speed humps by the Board of Supervisors. The grant deadline is May 1, 2021; therefore, Public Works is moving this agenda item forward anticipating approval from City Ambulance.

The underlying property is owned by a limited liability corporation and in care of an individual who lives out of the area. The individual has been contacted and will bring the topic to the Board of Directors for approval at their next regularly scheduled meeting in June 2021, which will occur after the funding deadline has passed.

A petition with signatures of six surrounding residences is attached. (Attachment 1) An email indicating support from Supervisor Bushnell (Attachment 3) and letters of support from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (Attachment 5), the Bridgeville Fire Department (Attachment 6), and CalFire (Attachment 7) have been received. A letter requesting support has been sent to City Ambulance.

The recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because they involve operation of existing facilities (CEQA Guidelines 15301) and minor alterations of land (CEQA Guidelines 15304). A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be completed and filed by the Public Works Department.

On April 6, 2021, the department posted public notices announcing this hearing at the proposed locations of the speed humps.

The department supports the location of the proposed speed humps.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This item does not impact the General Fund. Per the department's Speed Hump Policy, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 24, 2007, the design, permitting, and installation of the speed humps is funded entirely by the applicant. Once the speed humps are installed, ongoing maintenance will be performed by the Public Works through the Road Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing for and maintaining infrastructure.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Bridgeville Fire Department

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may determine that speed humps are not appropriate at this location.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Petition and verification.
2. Photo image of proposed location of speed humps.
3. Bushnell email
4. Speed Hump Policy
5. Letter from Humboldt County Sheriff
6. Letter from Bridgeville Fire Department
7. Letter from CalFire

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A
Meeting of: N/A
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