

Name of Project: Widening to four lane and Strengthening of Bilimora Chikhli
Vansda Waghai Road from Ch, Km.54+400 to 59+600.

Proposal No.: FP/GJ/ROAD/4303/2019.

COMPREHENSIVE LETTER

Introduction:

The road network in Gujarat is perceived one of the best in India, although it is still recognized that improvements are required in order that the network provides level of service, the expansion of road network is becoming increasingly important .

Roads & Buildings Department under Government of Gujarat looks after all the activities pertaining to planning, construction and maintenance of all categories of Roads and all Government owned Buildings in the State of Gujarat. These activities constitute a vital component of developmental work in the State.

Requirement of Forest Area:

In view of the above office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Navsari proposes to widen and strengthen existing Bilimora-Chikhli-Vansda-Waghai Road (SH-15) from Ch. Km. 44+400 to 59+600 passing through Vansda National Park. The proposed project is from Ch. Km. 44+400 to 59+600. Out of which from Ch. Km 44+400 to 53+400 is Protected Forest, its Stage-II permission under Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 is obtained vide letter no.6-GJC056/2019-BHO/574 while for the present proposal from Ch. 53+400 to 59+600 the area falls in Vansda National Park. From Ch. 53+400 to 56+600 the area is required only on the LHS and from Ch. 56+600 to 59+600 the area is required on both the sides of proposed alignment.

The project highway is an existing State Highway connecting important districts of South Gujarat and Maharashtra. Widening of existing road will cater seamless connectivity. Widening of existing road will cater seamless connectivity with smother communication to tribal villages of the surrounding area. It will also provide ease in movement for medical and educational purposes as well as plays

a vital role in connecting famous tourist destination Saputara Hill Station. Hence there is immediate need to widen existing road.

The proposed area **3.76 ha.** demanded for diversion, is required for the reason that alignment is along Vansda National Park Area and needs permission for widening of existing road under Wildlife (Protection) Act-1972.

Following stretch required on existing Bilimora-Chikhli-Vansda-Vaghai Road :

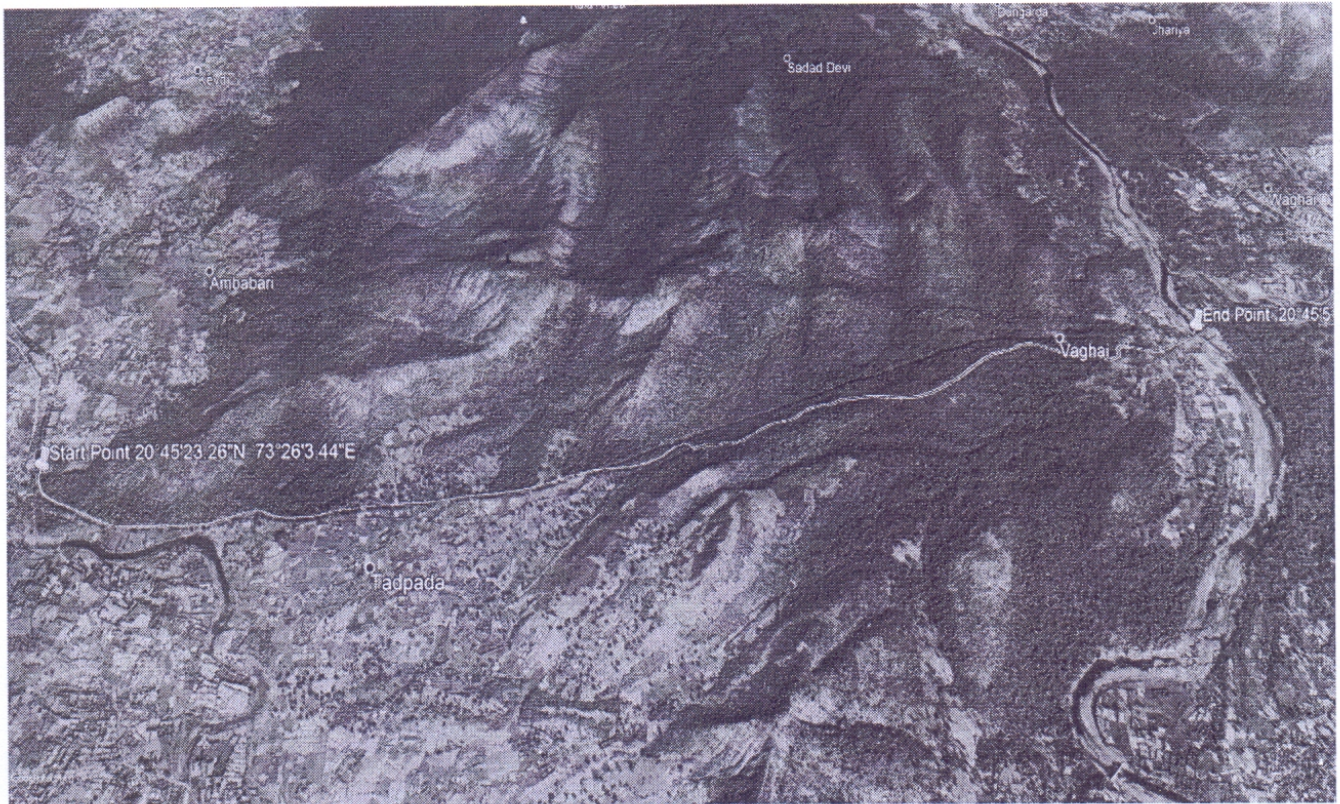
Sr.No	From	To	Length	Width	Area (Sq. Mt.)	Area (ha.)
1.	Village Ambabari Ch. Km. 53+400	Village Tadkeshwar Bridge Ch. Km. 59+600	6200 M	6.07 M	37634	3.76

The proposed project is recommended to National Board of Wildlife in the 16th meeting of State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) held on 08/07/2019 chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat as Chairperson.

Special budgetary provisions are also made for preparation of Wildlife Mitigation Plan and Wildlife Passage Plan which will be prepared under strict consultation with Chief Wildlife Warden.

For ease of movement of wildlife and mitigate impacts on wildlife, suitable measure have been taken along with the recommendations received from State Board of Wildlife. The guidelines will be strictly followed by us during widening of proposed project.

Project Location:



Date: 13/11/2020

Place : Chikhli

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