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Corps of Engineers issues construction permit to Madonna Construction

LOS ANGELES--The Los Angeles District of the Army Corps of Engineers said it had issued a permit to developer Alex Madonna to authorize widening of a road next to the developer's Home Depot project in San Luis Obispo. The Corps' approval allows Los Osos Valley Road to be widened to six lanes from the existing two. The 2,800-foot-long segment is expected to be a major entryway to the new Home Depot and Costco facilities, as well as to provide improved traffic circulation in the vicinity. Los Osos Valley Road is the main thoroughfare from Los Osos and Baywood Park to San Luis Obispo and Highway 101.

Because widening the road will have an impact on about 1.4 acres of federally protected wetlands habitat, Madonna agreed to offset permanent impacts by creating 2.06 acres of new seasonal wetlands habitat on nearby Boysen Ranch property. He also agreed to re-vegetate relocated roadside drainage areas with native riparian vegetation, including willows and other woody plants.

Earlier, the Corps had determined that issuing a permit for widening the road and another for building the Home Depot parking lot wouldn't adversely affect any endangered species, nor would it require an environmental impact statement. The Corps issued a permit for the parking lot construction last year.