

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-431

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 23, 2009

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUPPORT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES AND OPPOSE ANY SEIZURE BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY'S STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDS

BACKGROUND

- A. The current economic crisis has placed the City of Sacramento under incredible financial pressure and caused it to make severe budget cuts, including layoffs and furloughs of city workers, decreasing maintenance and operations of public facilities, and reductions in direct services to keep spending in line with declining revenues.
- B. The Governor, in his proposed FY 2009-10 budget, has proposed transferring \$1 billion of local gas taxes and weight fees to the state general fund to balance the state budget, and over \$700 million in local gas taxes permanently in future years. In FY 2009-10 the City of Sacramento will lose over \$7 million which will affect the City's ability to maintain the City's streets, traffic signals, streetlights, sidewalks and related traffic safety facilities.
- C. The loss of almost all of the City's gas tax funds will seriously compromise the City's ability to perform critical traffic safety related street maintenance, including, but not limited to, drastically curtailing patching, resurfacing, street lighting/traffic signal maintenance, payment of electricity costs for street lights and signals, bridge maintenance and repair, sidewalk and curb ramp maintenance and repair, and more.
- D. In both Proposition 5 in 1974 and Proposition 2 in 1998 the voters of our state overwhelmingly imposed restriction on the state's ability to do what the Governor has proposed, and any effort to permanently divert the local share of the gas tax would violate the state constitution and the will of the voters.
- E. Ongoing street maintenance is a significant public safety concern and failure to maintain street pavement (potholes filling, sealing, overlays, and so forth), traffic signals, signs, and street lights has a direct correlation to traffic accidents, injuries and deaths.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City of Sacramento opposes any state legislative action that would result in the diversion of the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA), also known as the "gas tax," to fund the state general fund; and

Section 2: The City Manager shall send this resolution with an accompanying letter from the Mayor and City Council to the Governor and each legislator, informing them of the City of Sacramento's opposition to borrowing, diverting or raiding of the gas tax funds.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on June 23, 2009 by the following vote:

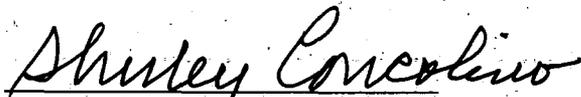
Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Johnson.

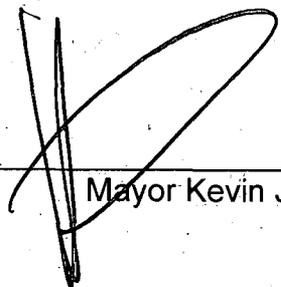
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin Johnson

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-430

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 23, 2009

RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM UPDATE AND APPROVE LOCATIONS

BACKGROUND

- A. From inception, the Red Light Camera Program has been very effective in reducing the number of red light collisions throughout the City.
- B. The City reviewed the ten highest red light running collision locations for possible engineering measures.
- C. The City found three locations where engineering measures have been implemented previously yet continues to have red light running issues.
- D. Staff will report back annually to present new red light camera locations and the effectiveness of the Red Light Camera Program.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The intersections of I Street/5th Street, Truxel Road/Arena Boulevard, and Arden Way/Challenge Way are approved for installation of red light cameras.

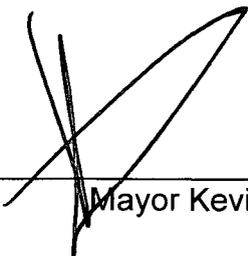
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on June 23, 2009 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Johnson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Mayor Kevin Johnson

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk