



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
October 27, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: California Highway Patrol (CHP) Heliport Plan

Location/Council District: District 1, River District

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving plan for the establishment of a Heliport at CHP Headquarters at 601-C North 7th Street.

Contact: Rachel Hazlewood, Senior Project Manager, 808-8645; Stacia Cosgrove, Senior Planner, 808-7110

Presenters: None

Department: Economic Development , Community Development

Division: Citywide

Organization No: 18001021

Description/Analysis

Issue: The California Highway Patrol has requested the City approve the plan for the construction and operation of the heliport at the new headquarters of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), located at 601-C North 7th Street in the River District, pursuant to California Public Utilities Section 21661.5. As part of its headquarters consolidation, the CHP proposes to operate a rooftop heliport at this facility. The heliport will be used for approximately 50 takeoffs and landings annually; two-thirds of the time by the CHP and the remainder of the flights will be used by other allied public safety agencies during emergencies including the City of Sacramento Police and Fire Departments, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, and the Air National Guard.

The California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics (the Division), has permit authority over public use and special-use airports and heliports. As a State of California entity, the CHP is exempt from standard City permitting processes. However, the Division has determined that the Sacramento City Council must approve the heliport plan prior to its issuing the necessary operating permit.

The heliport has been planned as part of the CHP consolidation and an environmental document was prepared for the project. The Negative Declaration (ND) for the project found that no significant environmental impacts will occur.

Policy Considerations: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

An Initial Study and a Negative Declaration was prepared and filed for the Heliport project by PBS&J with CHP acting as the lead agency. The Heliport was found to create no significant impacts on the environment. The document was circulated widely; the only comment received was from Caltrans and was supportive of the project.

Sustainability Considerations: None.

Other: N/A

Commission/Committee Action: N/A

Rationale for Recommendation: The Heliport will be used an estimated 50 times a year with no significant negative impacts on the environment. The Heliport will be available to allied agencies including the City of Sacramento's Police and Fire Departments. It will provide increased ability to respond quickly by local responders during emergencies.

On October 8, 2009, the Division inspected the heliport and determined the site meets or exceeds the minimum heliport standards specified by the State of California, Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics in its rules and regulations. The CHP received temporary clearance for a one-day authorization from the City and the Division to conduct tests of the heliport on October 10th with a Blackhawk helicopter. No complaints were received and the CHP received the necessary data for ongoing operations.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None.

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Approved by: Jim Rinehart
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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVE PLAN FOR HELIPORT AT CHP HEADQUARTERS
AT 601-C NORTH 7TH STREET**

BACKGROUND

- A. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is consolidating its headquarters at 601 North 7th Street in the River District.
- B. As part of the consolidation, the CHP has proposed developing a rooftop heliport for CHP's use, which will operate an estimated 50 times a year. The CHP will also allow use of the heliport by its allied public safety agencies, including the City of Sacramento Police and Fire Departments.
- C. Under California Public Utilities Code Section 21661.5, the Sacramento City Council is required to approve the CHP heliport plan before the State of California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics can issue a permit. The Division of Aeronautics has permit authority over public use and special-use airports and heliports in California.
- D. A Negative Declaration was prepared for the CHP headquarters consolidation project and found that the heliport operation would not have a significant impact on the environment.

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

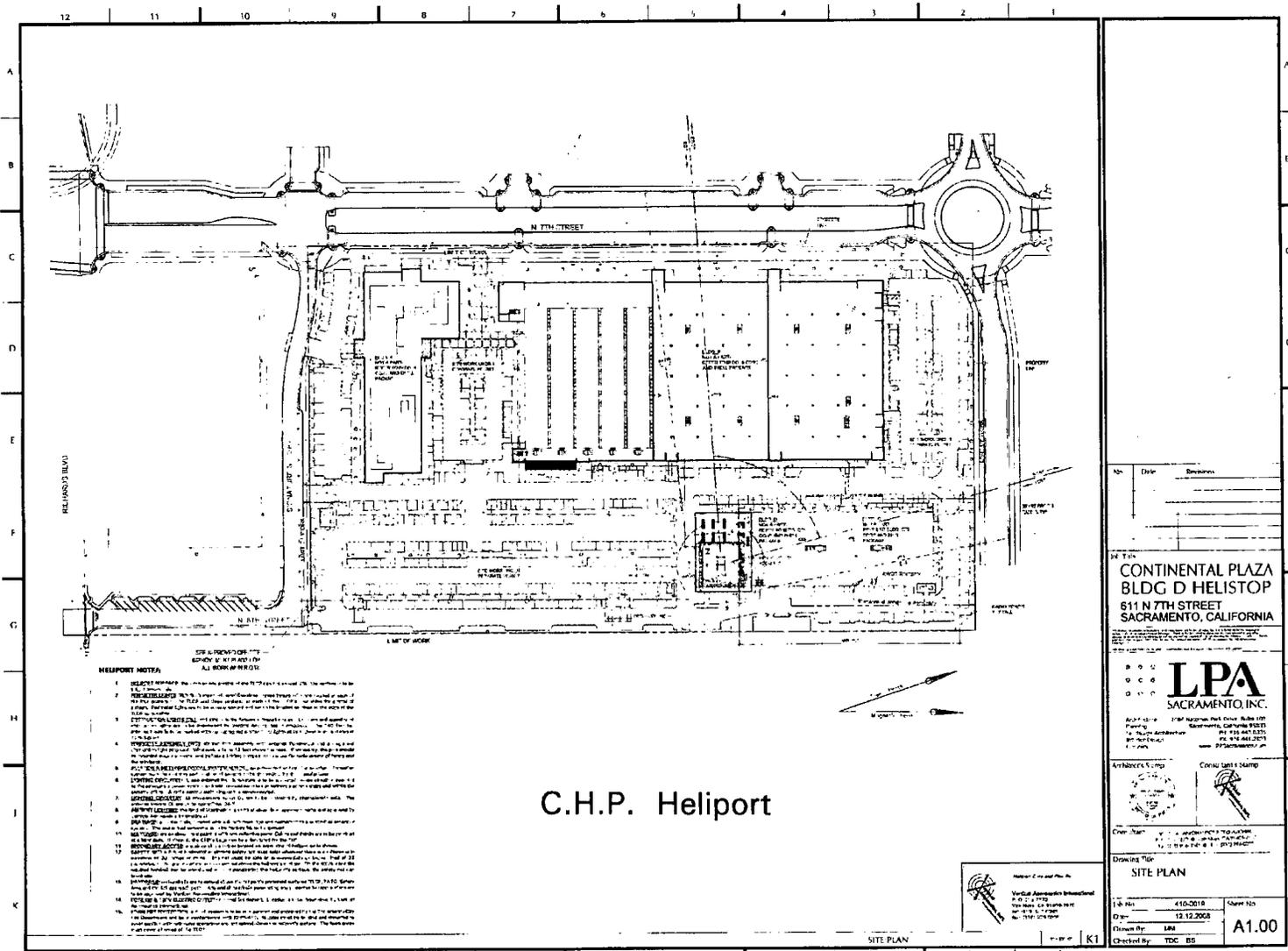
Section 1. The CHP heliport plan as shown in the attached Exhibit A is hereby approved as provided for under California Public Utilities Code Section 21661.5..

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Exhibit A Heliport Plan

Exhibit A

Heliport Plan



C.H.P. Heliport

HELIPORT NOTES

1. SUBJECT PROPERTY: The subject property is located at 611 N 7th Street, Sacramento, CA. The subject property is located on the corner of N 7th Street and J Street.
2. PROJECT: The project is the construction of a helipad and associated facilities on the subject property.
3. SITE PLAN: The site plan shows the proposed helipad and associated facilities. The helipad is located on the right side of the subject property. The associated facilities include a ramp, stairs, and a parking area.
4. EXISTING CONDITIONS: The existing conditions on the subject property include a paved area, a ramp, and a parking area. The existing conditions are shown in solid lines on the site plan.
5. PROPOSED CONDITIONS: The proposed conditions on the subject property include a helipad, a ramp, stairs, and a parking area. The proposed conditions are shown in dashed lines on the site plan.
6. UTILITIES: The utilities on the subject property include water, sewer, and gas. The utilities are shown in solid lines on the site plan.
7. EROSION CONTROL: The erosion control measures on the subject property include a silt fence, a sediment trap, and a vegetative strip. The erosion control measures are shown in solid lines on the site plan.
8. SIGNAGE: The signage on the subject property includes a helipad sign and a parking sign. The signage is shown in solid lines on the site plan.
9. LIGHTING: The lighting on the subject property includes a helipad light and a parking light. The lighting is shown in solid lines on the site plan.
10. SAFETY: The safety measures on the subject property include a safety fence, a safety sign, and a safety strip. The safety measures are shown in solid lines on the site plan.
11. ACCESS: The access on the subject property includes a ramp, stairs, and a parking area. The access is shown in solid lines on the site plan.
12. UTILITIES: The utilities on the subject property include water, sewer, and gas. The utilities are shown in solid lines on the site plan.

CONTINENTAL PLAZA
BLDG D HELISTOP
611 N 7TH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

LPA
SACRAMENTO, INC.

Architect's Stamp
Contractor's Stamp

Owner's Stamp
City's Stamp

DATE: 4/10/2010
DRAWN BY: TDC
CHECKED BY: TDC, BS

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"