



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT

February 2, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Approval of Federal Transportation Priorities for FY11 Appropriations for  
City College Pedestrian Overcrossing and the Westside Access project

**Location/Council District:** District 1 and 5

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** directing staff to seek federal FY11  
Transportation Appropriations funding of \$2.8 million for the City College Pedestrian  
Overcrossing and the Westside Access project.

**Contact:** Azadeh Doherty, Principal Planner, 808-3137

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Planning and Policy

**Organization No:** 15001041

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The Federal Platform, approved by City Council on January 19, 2010, is used to help set priorities for federal funding opportunities. The City College Pedestrian Overcrossing, the Westside Access to the Intermodal (a component of the North Central Business District project), and the Intermodal Transportation Facility are listed in the Federal Platform. Staff recommends submitting an application for \$1.8 million for final design of the City College Pedestrian Crossing project and \$1 million for Westside Access construction in this year's federal appropriations process.

**Policy Considerations:** The actions contained in this report are consistent with Council policies seeking federal and state funds to leverage against local funds. The projects recommended for funding are consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan goal to expand economic development throughout the City.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Council action designating the City College Pedestrian Overcrossing and the Westside Access project for a federal appropriations request is not subject to CEQA and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), however, both projects will be delivered in accordance with CEQA and NEPA.

**Sustainability Considerations:** This action supports the City of Sacramento's sustainability goals to improve and optimize the transportation infrastructure.

**Other:** None

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The 2010 Federal Platform includes the Intermodal Transportation Facility, the Cosumnes River Boulevard Extension and Interchange, the R Street Corridor Improvements, the Richards Blvd./I-5 Interchange, the Folsom Boulevard Development project, the Sacramento City College Pedestrian Crossing and the North Central Business District project.

Based on past experience, appropriations requests usually total \$1 to \$5 million in federal funding and we generally receive \$1 to \$2 million a year. The following projects were considered:

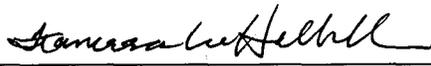
- **Ramona Avenue Extension:** Last year the City applied for \$6 million for Ramona Extension (a component of Folsom Boulevard Development project) but did not receive any funding. The project is funded through the environmental and design phases and the NEPA and CEQA environmental documents are scheduled to be completed by spring 2011. Following environmental approval, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is estimated to cost \$2.2 million. Construction could be scheduled in 2012 and is estimated to cost \$6.8 million. Upon completion of environmental and design work, the City will have approximately \$1.8 million remaining which leaves a funding shortfall of \$7.2 million is needed to purchase ROW and construct the project. This project is not considered a good candidate for federal funding this year because NEPA approval is not expected until 2011 and the shortfall amount is larger than our target for the appropriations process.
- **Cosumnes River Boulevard Extension:** This project requires major federal investment and, therefore, is not a good match for the federal appropriations process.
- **R Street Project (16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Streets):** This project is not ready for additional federal funding since it has not completed its federal environmental process and design phase
- **Richards Boulevard/I-5 Interchange:** This project is not ready for additional

federal funding since it has not completed its NEPA approvals or project study report.

- **City College Pedestrian Crossing and Westside Access to the Intermodal:** Staff believes the City College Pedestrian Overcrossing and the Westside Access project have the best chance to receive federal appropriations funds this year. Both projects have NEPA clearance, are less costly, and ready to advance into final design and/or construction. This year the Westside Access project has been ranked as the Transportation Programming Guide's (TPG) number 1 project in the major streets category. The project has been designed and is ready for construction. The City College Pedestrian Overcrossing needs final design funds. If we can secure federal funds to complete design, the project will be an excellent candidate for construction funds from a future cycle of SACOG's Community Design grant funding.
- **Intermodal Phase 2:** The City has applied for \$30 million in federal TIGER funds to complete phase 2 of the Intermodal project. TIGER funding allocations are expected to be released the first week of February. In the event that the City does not receive its full request, staff recommends adding the Intermodal Phase 2 project to the FY 2011 federal appropriation requests.
- **California State Railroad Museum Track Relocation:** City staff is working with the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) to develop an application for federal funding of CSRM – related trackage improvements. This application would be submitted by CSRM with support of the City.

**Financial Considerations:** If the City of Sacramento is successful in obtaining federal appropriation funds, it will be required to provide up to a twenty percent local match. Staff will return at a later date to appropriate the matching funds from various local transportation sources. No funding from the General Fund will be used.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable as no goods or services are being procured.

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Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
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City Manager

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**BACKGROUND**

City College Pedestrian Overcrossing

The City College Pedestrian Overcrossing is the construction of a new bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing that connects the Light Rail station at Sacramento City College to the site of the new Curtis Park Village project bridging the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The bridge will provide safe and convenient access to light rail for residents throughout Curtis Park. The planned Curtis Park Village is a smart growth, high density transit-oriented infill project located in an abandoned Union Pacific maintenance yard.

Preliminary engineering for the pedestrian crossing is complete and NEPA clearance is expected by February of 2010. Approximately \$1 million is needed to complete the final design. The construction phase of the project is estimated to cost \$6 million. Staff proposes to seek \$1 million for final design.

West Side Access to the Intermodal Facility

West Side Access to the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility will provide an additional access point for the Intermodal. It also provides better access for pedestrians and bicyclists in the area. This project will also include creation of a signalized intersection at 4<sup>th</sup> and I Streets, expansion of the existing parking area, new curb, gutter and separated sidewalk. The environmental document is complete. Staff proposes to seek \$1.8 million in federal appropriation funds to construct this project.

This project is currently ranked number 1 in the City's Transportation Programming Guide (TPG) and will provide gateway access for pedestrians and bicyclists to and from the Intermodal and provide connectivity to the downtown grid. The project helps relieve vehicular congestion at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street and I Street intersection and provides an additional access point for the Intermodal parking area.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FY11  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY COLLEGE PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING AND  
THE WESTSIDE ACCESS PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Federal Platform approved by the City of Sacramento is used to help the City Council set priorities for state and federal funding opportunities.
- B. The City College Pedestrian Overcrossing and the Westside Access Project are top priority transportation projects listed in the City's Federal Platform.
- C. Federal funding is needed for the final design of the City College Pedestrian Overcrossing and construction of the Westside Access project.

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

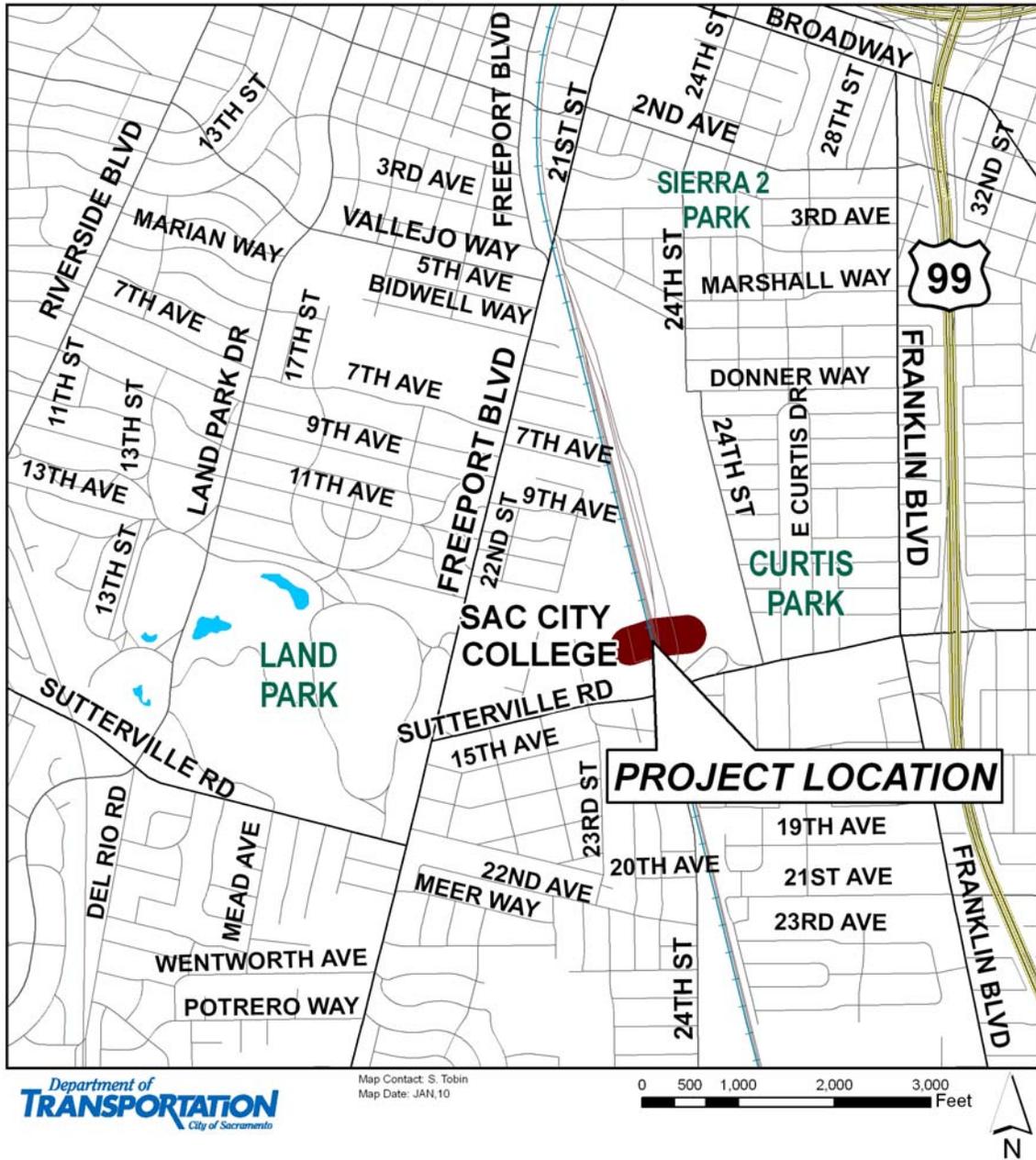
- Section 1. Staff is directed to seek federal FY11 Transportation Appropriations funding in the amount of \$1 million for the City College Pedestrian Overcrossing and \$1.8 million for construction of the Westside Access.
- Section 2. Exhibits A and B are hereby incorporated into and made part of this resolution.

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- Exhibit A Location Map - City College Pedestrian Overcrossing
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**Exhibit A**

Location Map for  
Sacramento City College  
Pedestrian Overcrossing Project  
(T15065700)



**Exhibit B**

Location Map for  
**WEST SIDE ACCESS TO THE INTERMODAL  
(T15068200)**



Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
City of Sacramento

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