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Meeting Date: 4/12/2011

Report Type: Consent

Title: Downtown On-Street Bikeway Project (K15116800)

Report ID: 2011-00134

Location: Districts 1, 3 and 4

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) establishing the Downtown On-Street Bikeway Project Phases 1 and 2 (K15116800) as a new capital improvement project; 2) approving the transfer of \$629,000 (Fund 2001) from the Central City 2-Way Conversion Project (T15008000) to the project.

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Presenter: None

Department: Transportation Department

Division: Funding and Project Development

Dept ID: 15001121

Attachments:

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Description/Analysis

Issue: Despite the substantial number of bicyclists in the Downtown area, there is a lack of planned bikeways for this area of the City. Amended Resolution 2002-344 directed staff to study conversion options specifically related to increasing bicycle access in the downtown area. In response, staff is initiating a project to determine appropriate locations for additional bicycle access in the downtown area and to implement those improvements.

Phase 1 will be comprised of bikeways that can be added to the existing street system without removal of any vehicle or parking lanes.

Phase 2 will include conversion of one-way streets from three to two one-way lanes with both left and right side bike lanes. This phase also requires an environmental assessment of the reduction in travel lanes.

The project purpose is to make downtown streets more complete by restriping the streets to add new on-street bikeways. This provides better connectivity for bicyclists and an expanded network that adds more direct routes between destinations.

Policy Considerations: The recommended action is consistent with the City's 2005 Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety by creating a broader network of striped bike lanes to help bicyclists travel in a safer environment.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The establishment of a CIP and transfer of funds is an administrative activity that is not subject to CEQA review.

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Transportation Goals of reducing dependency on private automobiles by working with community partners to promote bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation with a wide network of bikeways to aide in reaching destinations safely.

Commission/Committee Action: The Sacramento City County Bicycle Advisory Committee has been briefed on this initiative and is in support of the project. Other groups that have been briefed and given their input to the initiative are the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA), Sacramento Area Council of Governments Bike and Pedestrian Committee, Sacramento Transportation Management Association, Downtown Sacramento Partnership Committee, Capital Area Development Authority, Southside Park Neighborhood Association and California Department of General services.

Rationale for Recommendation: Enhanced bicycle facilities/access not only provides better connectivity for bicyclists but provides transportation choices and promotes the use of alternative modes of transportation.

Financial Considerations: The Central City Two Way Conversion Project (T15008000) has an unobligated balance of \$631,419. Approval of the transfer of local transportation funds (Fund 2001) in the amount of \$629,000 from the Central City Two Way Conversion Project (T15008000) will be sufficient to plan, design and implement bicycle enhancements for Phases 1 and 2 in the downtown area.

There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): There are no ESBD considerations as there are no goods or services being purchased.



Background

In June 2002 City staff came before the City Council and recommended approval of conversion options to be studied in the second phase of the Central City Two-Way Conversion Study. Staff also recommended criteria to use in ranking the conversion options for the Central City Two-Way Conversion Study. The Council amended the resolution to direct staff to perform additional evaluation to explore opportunities to improve bicycle access in the Central City. In May 2003 the bicycle access study was placed on hold pending implementation of the Central City Two-Way Conversion and resulting available fund balance.

In June 2007 (Resolution 2007-505) City staff appeared before City Council with recommendations related to approvals for the Central City Two-Way Conversion Study Project. Section 6 of the resolution directed staff to resume the study to improve bicycle access in the Central City. The Central City Two-Way Conversion Program has now been completed and staff is developing the Downtown Bikeway Project. Since that time City staff has assessed the various ways some of the existing streets in the downtown area could be re-striped to add on-street bikeways. The results of this assessment are the preliminary downtown bicycle access project. This project has been broken down into the following two Phases:

Phase 1 will add bikeways to areas of the existing street system without removal of vehicle or parking lanes. Work in this phase will include resurfacing and striping of streets where deemed appropriate. Streets that will be considered in Phase 1 will be segments of I Street, J Street, 5th Street, 9th Street, 10th Street and P Street. The implementation of this phase will not require an environmental assessment because this phase does not remove any vehicular travel or parking lanes.

Phase 2 involves converting one-way streets from three to two one-way lanes with left and right side bike lanes. The project will require an environmental analysis of the reduction of travel lanes to accommodate the new bike lanes. Work in this phase will include resurfacing and striping of streets where appropriate. Streets that will be considered in Phase 2 will be segments of 5th Street, 7th Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, 10th Street, H Street and G Street. Implementation of this phase will improve bicycle access to the portions of the Downtown that are least accessible by bicycle.

The City has been awarded a grant to fund a multi-modal Central City Circulation System Study. This study is to commence upon completion of the Sacramento River Crossing Study in 2011 or 2012 and will include all modes of transportation. In addition to looking at vehicular, commercial and transit system circulation, the study will also be looking at bicycle circulation in the Central City. It is possible that this study will allow for further development of the Downtown On-Street Bikeway Project (K15116800).



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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE DOWNTOWN ON-STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT (K15116800)

BACKGROUND

- A. The City desires to add bikeways in the Downtown Area bounded by Alhambra Boulevard on the east, Interstate 5 on the west, E Street on the north and Broadway on the south.
- B. In June 2007, the City Council approved Resolution 2007-505 directing staff to resume the study to improve bicycle access in the Central City.
- C. Funding in the amount of \$629,000 is available from the completed Central City Two-Way Conversion Project (T15008000) for the design and construction of Phase I and 2 of the Downtown On-Street Bikeway Project (K15116800).

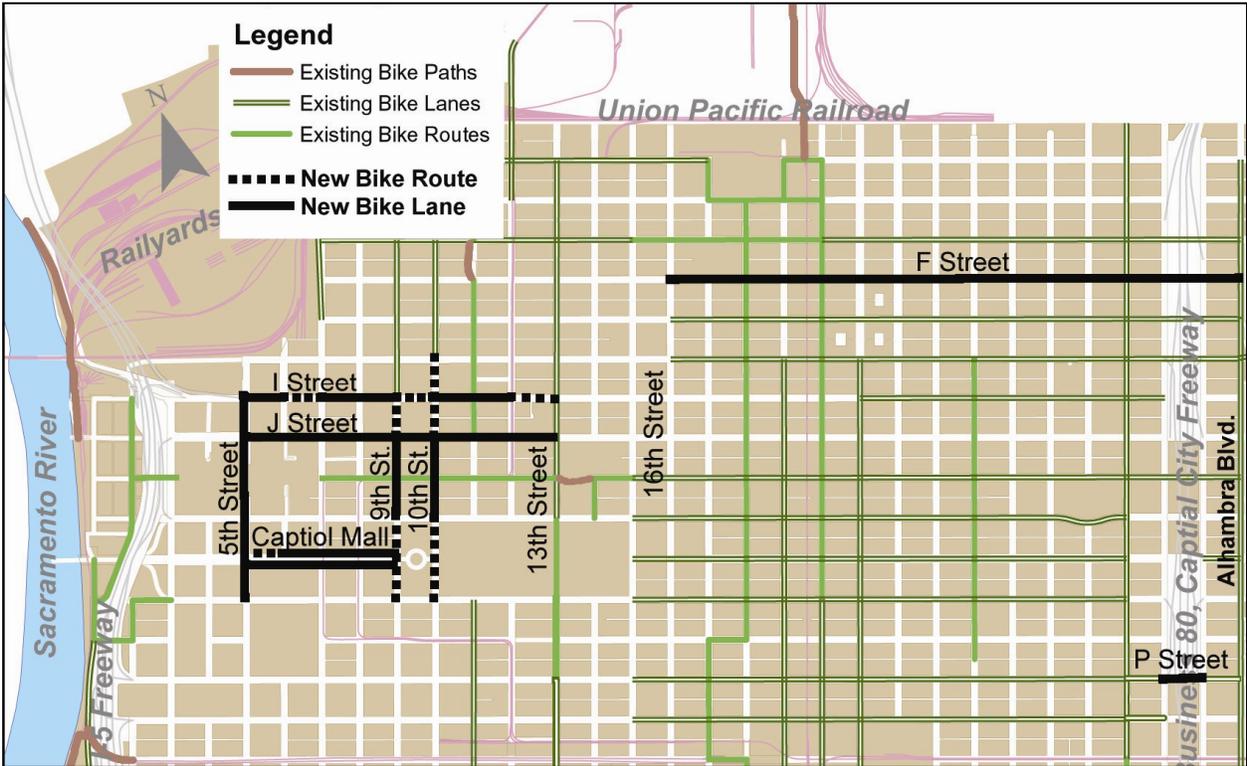
BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Downtown On-Street Bikeway Project (K15116800) is established as a new Capital Improvement Project.
- Section 2. The FY 10/11 Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring \$629,000 (Fund 2001) from the Central City Two Way Conversion Project (T15008000) to the Downtown On-Street Bikeway Project (K15116800).



Exhibit A

Phase 1 Map for DOWNTOWN ON-STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT (K15116800)



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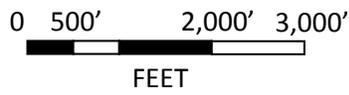
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Exhibit B

Phase 2 Map for DOWNTOWN ON-STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT (K15116800)



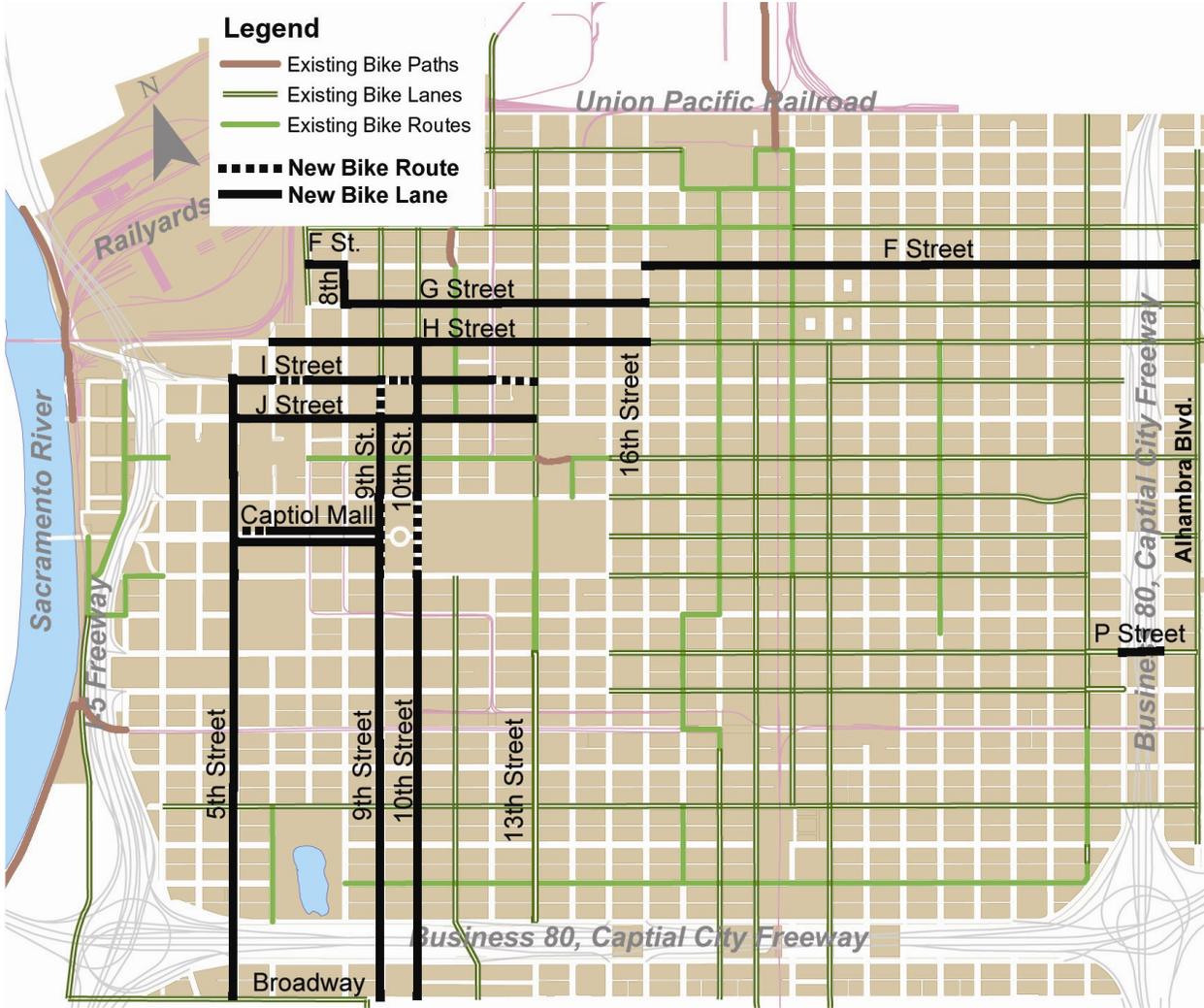
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Exhibit C

Composite Map for DOWNTOWN ON-STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT (K15116800)



- Legend**
- Existing Bike Paths
 - Existing Bike Lanes
 - Existing Bike Routes
 - New Bike Route
 - New Bike Lane



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