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Meeting Date: 8/16/2011

Report Type: Consent

Title: Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes (K15125100)

Report ID: 2011-00636

Location: Districts 4 and 5

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) establishing the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100); 2) transferring \$200,000 from the 2012 Overlay and Seals Program (R15122000) to the project; and 3) transferring \$100,000 from the Bikeway Program (K15120000) to the project.

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Presenter: None

Department: Transportation Department

Division: Funding & Project Development

Dept ID: 15001121

Attachments:

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- 2 - Background Information
- 3 - Resolution
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Description/Analysis

Issue: Freeport Boulevard between Sutterville Road and 4th Avenue is a four lane north-south roadway with on-street parking and no bike lanes. It provides access for numerous residential and commercial establishments and to key destinations including William Land Municipal Park, C. K. McClatchy Senior High School and Sacramento City College. Bike lanes exist to the north and south of the project limits.

The Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) will provide for a complete street on Freeport Boulevard balancing the needs of all roadway users. The project will add bikes lanes by reducing the number of travel lanes and may reduce the number of on-street parking spaces.

The establishment of this Capital Improvement Project and the transfer of funds are necessary for the planning, preparation of the environmental documentation and preliminary design for the project.

Policy Considerations: This project is in accordance with the City Operating Principles of promoting safety and enhancing livability and sustainability.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The establishment of a CIP and transfer of funds are not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under CEQA general rule 15061-B-3, CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. These actions will have no effect on the environment, thus are not subject to CEQA.

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goals of enhancing the pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way, reducing dependence on the private automobile, and to encouraging pedestrian trips.

Other: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The addition of bike lanes on Freeport Boulevard will provide for a complete street and is consistent with the goals of the City's 2030 General Plan and the City's Bikeway Master Plan. Freeport Boulevard is also scheduled for street maintenance in 2013 and determining the roadway configuration is necessary prior to restriping of the roadway.

The establishment of a Capital Improvement Project and transfer of funds are necessary to pursue this project.

Financial Considerations: The preliminary design and environmental phase of the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) will be funded with \$200,000 from the 2012 Overlay and Seal Coat Program (R15122000) and \$100,000 from the Bikeway Program (K15120000). There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.



Background

Freeport Boulevard between Sutterville Road and Vallejo Way is a north-south roadway currently classified in the City of Sacramento's 2030 General Plan as a four-lane low access control arterial. This corridor, was previously designated as State Route 160, provides access for numerous residential and commercial establishments and to key destinations including William Land Municipal Park, C. K. McClatchy Senior High School and the Sacramento City College. Currently, there are two travel lanes in each direction and on-street parking is allowed with restrictions on both sides of the street. There are no bike lanes for the most part on this segment of Freeport Boulevard. However, bike lanes exist to the north and south of the project limits.

A review of adopted plans and policies indicates that adding bike lanes on Freeport Boulevard between 4th Avenue and Sutterville Road is consistent with adopted plans and policies:

- The City of Sacramento's 2030 General Plan aims to provide complete streets that balance the diverse needs of users of the public right-of-way.
- The City's 2010 Bikeway Master Plan designates on-street bikeways on this segment of Freeport Boulevard.
- The Freeport Boulevard Masterplan, which was accepted by the City Council in 2004, recommends a road diet (three lanes - one lane in each direction with a turn lane) on Freeport Boulevard between 4th Avenue and College Avenue.
- The Sacramento City College Transportation, Access, and Parking Masterplan, dated August 2006, recommends converting Freeport Boulevard between 4th Avenue and Sutterville Road to three lanes with a center two way left turn lane with bike lanes.

The Department of Transportation completed a preliminary feasibility study to evaluate the feasibility of adding bikes lanes on Freeport Boulevard between Sutterville Road and Vallejo Way. The preliminary goals were to provide for a complete street that balances the needs of all roadway users and to improve safety, convenience, and quality of service for all modes of transportation. The following two alternatives were developed and evaluated with the primary focus of adding continuous bike lanes along the corridor serving the adjacent neighborhoods and schools:

Option 1: Reduce the number of travel lanes on Freeport Boulevard from four to two lanes, add bike lanes, and maintain parking along both sides of Freeport Boulevard.

Option 2: Reduce the number of travel lanes on Freeport Boulevard from four lanes to two lanes with a center two way left turn lane (TWLTL), add bike lanes, and maintain parking on the east side of Freeport Boulevard only. Parking on the west side is to be removed.

Based on the preliminary study, Option 2 seems to best meet the goals of the project while balancing the area's circulation needs as it results in fewer impacts to traffic (delay and queuing), provides an opportunity to improve safety, and is technically feasible.

The preliminary feasibility study recommended proceeding with additional planning to fully define the project, environmental review with associated technical studies, and preliminary engineering toward implementation. It is anticipated that an environmental impact report (EIR) will be needed along with an amendment to the City of Sacramento's 2030 General Plan. Given the public interest in this project, coordination and active outreach to the community and key stakeholders will be needed.

This Council action will load funds into the project budget for the preliminary design and environmental phases only. Currently, no construction funds have been identified. City staff plans to seek future grant funding once the environmental phase is complete.



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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

FREEPORT BOULEVARD BIKE LANES PROJECT (K15125100)

BACKGROUND

- A. Freeport Boulevard between Sutterville Road and Vallejo Way provides access for numerous residential and commercial establishments and to key destinations including William Land Municipal Park, C. K. McClatchy Senior High School and the Sacramento City College. Currently, there are no bike lanes for the most part on this segment of Freeport Boulevard. However, bike lanes exist to the north and south of the project limits.
- B. The Department of Transportation has completed a preliminary feasibility study that evaluates the implementation of a lane reduction along Freeport Boulevard between Vallejo Way and Sutterville Road (North). Based on the study, the City proposes to reduce the number of travel lanes in order to provide bike lanes.
- C. The Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project will provide for a complete street that balances the needs of all roadway users and improves safety and convenience for all modes of transportation.

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

- Section 1. The Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) is established as a new Capital Improvement Project.
- Section 2. The FY11/12 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by transferring \$200,000 from the 2012 Overlay and Seal Coat Program (R15122000) and \$100,000 from the Bikeway Program (K15120000) to the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100).
- Section 3. Exhibit A is hereby incorporated into and is a part of this Resolution.

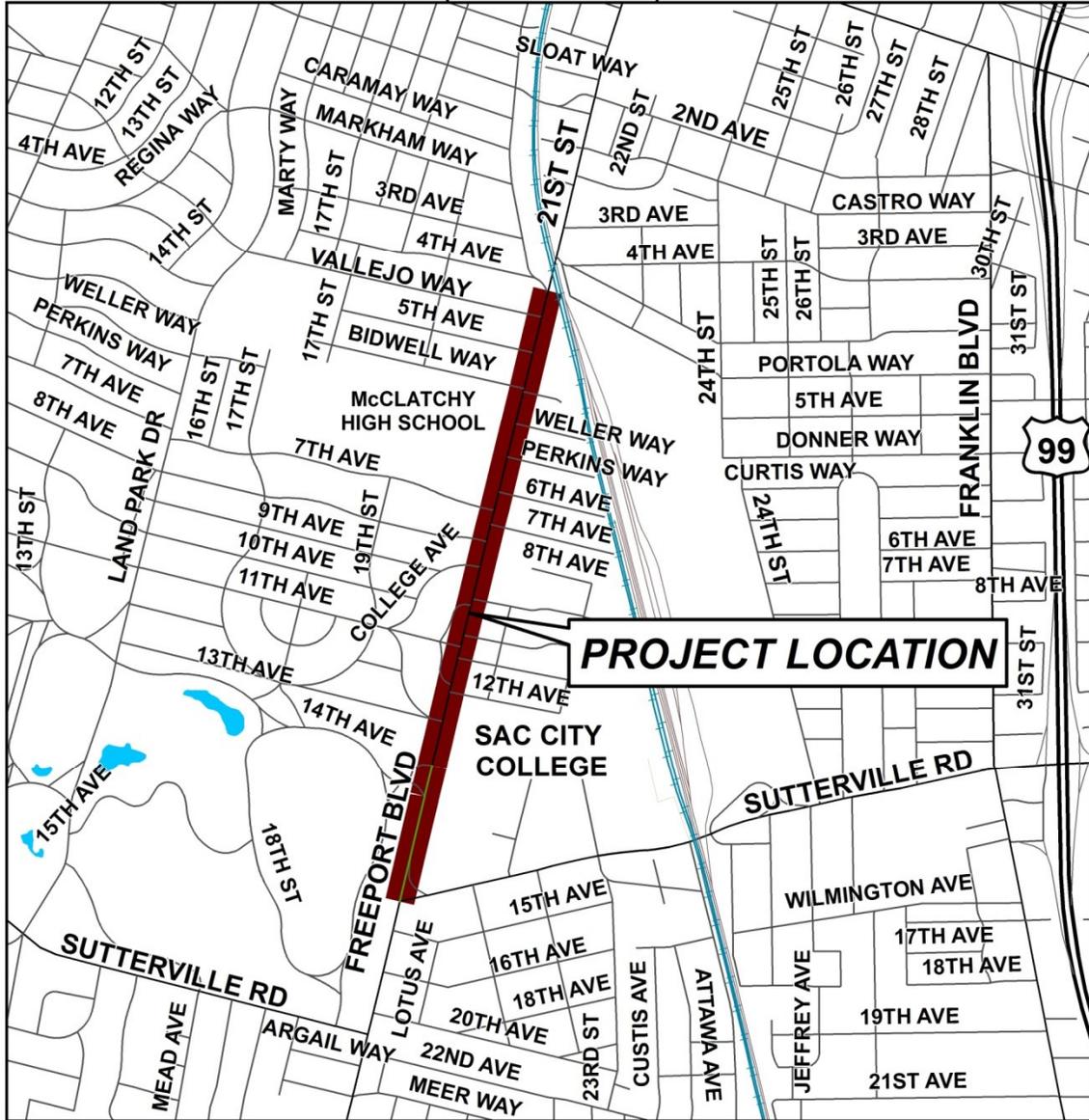
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Exhibit A: Map of Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project



EXHIBIT A

Location Map for Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100)



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TRANSPORTATION
City of Sacramento

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