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Meeting Date: 4/3/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: U.S. Highway 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Improvements and Watt Avenue Widening Project (JN: 15185)

Report ID: 2012-00282

Location: Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard, District 6

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution establishing Watt Avenue between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard a County Highway.

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Presenter: None

Department: Transportation Department

Division: Funding & Project Development

Dept ID: 15001121

Attachments:

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- 2 - Background Information
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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
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Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
John Colville
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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 3/20/2012 10:52:47 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The County of Sacramento proposes to widen Watt Avenue from La Riviera Drive to Folsom Boulevard as part of the U.S. Highway 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Project. On September 22, 2009, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Project and directed County staff to complete the plans and specifications and acquire the necessary right-of-way. The western half of Watt Avenue from La Riviera Drive to Folsom Boulevard lies within the City of Sacramento. The project requires the acquisition of right-of-way within the City.

Both the County of Sacramento and the City of Sacramento desire to proceed with the construction of new improvements along Watt Avenue. It is of general interest to the City that the County acquire the necessary right-of-way within the City limits.

The County Counsel has determined that to construct the new improvements and acquire right-of-way on behalf of the City, the County must first designate this portion of Watt Avenue as a County Highway. This designation is defined in the Streets and Highways Code Article 3, (commencing with Section 1700) of Chapter 9 of Division 2. A Resolution consenting to the designation for this portion of Watt Avenue must also be executed by the City Council.

The County Resolution to establish Watt Avenue from La Riviera Drive to Folsom Boulevard as a County Highway also provides that, upon completion of all improvements on Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard, the County shall adopt another resolution to remove the County Highway designation.

Policy Considerations: This project is in accordance with the City Operating Principles of promoting safety and livability by improving traffic circulation, and relieving traffic congestion.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The action of adopting a resolution to consent the designation of a roadway to a County Highway has no effect on the environment, and is therefore exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan Air Quality goals to encourage cleaner air practices through the reduction of congestion.

Other: None

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: It is of general interest to the City that the western portion of Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard be established as a County Highway so that the County staff can

obtain the additional right of way necessary to construct the proposed roadway widening and associated improvements within the City limits. The County has experienced staff to conduct the right of way process and facilitate the project schedule.

This action will allow the project to proceed at no right of way acquisition cost to the City, and avoid extensive City staff time and liability.

Financial Considerations: All work associated with acquiring right of way and constructing various improvements within the City right of way will be at no cost to the City. The entire U.S. Highway 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Improvements and Watt Avenue Widening Project (including all right of way costs and all improvements with the City right of way) is funded by the County through a combination of Federal, State and Measure A revenues. There will be no reliance on the City's General Fund for acquiring right of way and constructing the improvements on this project.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The U.S. Highway 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Improvements and Watt Avenue Widening Project is not a City project and therefore ESBD requirements does not apply.



Attachment 1

Background:

The County of Sacramento proposes the widening of Watt Avenue from La Riviera Drive to Folsom Boulevard with the U.S. Highway 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Project. On September 22, 2009, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Project and directed County staff to complete the plans and specifications and to acquire the necessary right-of-way. The western half of Watt Avenue from La Riviera Drive to Folsom Boulevard lies within the City of Sacramento.

The project requires the acquisition of right-of-way within the City limits on Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard for the widening of Watt Avenue and constructing the new improvements.

The City staff is closely working with the County staff so that all of the proposed improvements within the City limits meet the current City Standards.

The County Counsel has determined that in order to construct the new improvements and perform right-of-way acquisitions on behalf of the City, the County must first designate this portion of Watt Avenue as a County Highway. This designation is defined in the Streets and Highways Code Article 3, (commencing with Section 1700) of Chapter 9 of Division 2. A Resolution consenting to the designation for this portion of Watt Avenue must also be executed by the City Council.

The County Resolution to establish Watt Avenue from La Riviera Drive to Folsom Boulevard as a County Highway also provides that, upon completion of all improvements on Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard, the County shall adopt another resolution to remove the County Highway designation.

All work associated with the right of way acquisitions and constructing the new improvements within the City right of way will be at no cost to the City.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

U.S. HIGHWAY 50/WATT AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AND WATT AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- A. The western half of Watt Avenue between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard lies within the city limits of the City of Sacramento.
- B. The County of Sacramento desires to acquire rights-of-way and to construct improvements on the western portion of Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard that lie within the city limits of the City of Sacramento.
- C. The County of Sacramento desires to establish the portion of Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard that lie within the city limits of the City of Sacramento as a County Highway pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Section 1700) of Chapter 9 of Division 2 of the Streets and Highways Code.
- D. It is of general interest to the City of Sacramento that the western half of Watt Avenue between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard be established as a County Highway so that the necessary right of way can be acquired by the County.
- E. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has provided by resolution that, upon completion of all widening and improvements, it shall adopt a resolution pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Section 1704) of Chapter 9 of Division 2 of the Streets and Highways Code to declare the western half of Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard no longer a County Highway and shall revert it back to the City.
- F. Upon completion of the widening and improvements project, the western half of Watt Avenue, between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard shall revert back to the City of Sacramento.

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

- Section 1. The portion of Watt Avenue between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard that lies within the city limits of the City of Sacramento is established as a County Highway.

Section 2. The establishment of the portion of Watt Avenue between La Riviera Drive and Folsom Boulevard as a County Highway shall become effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution of consent.

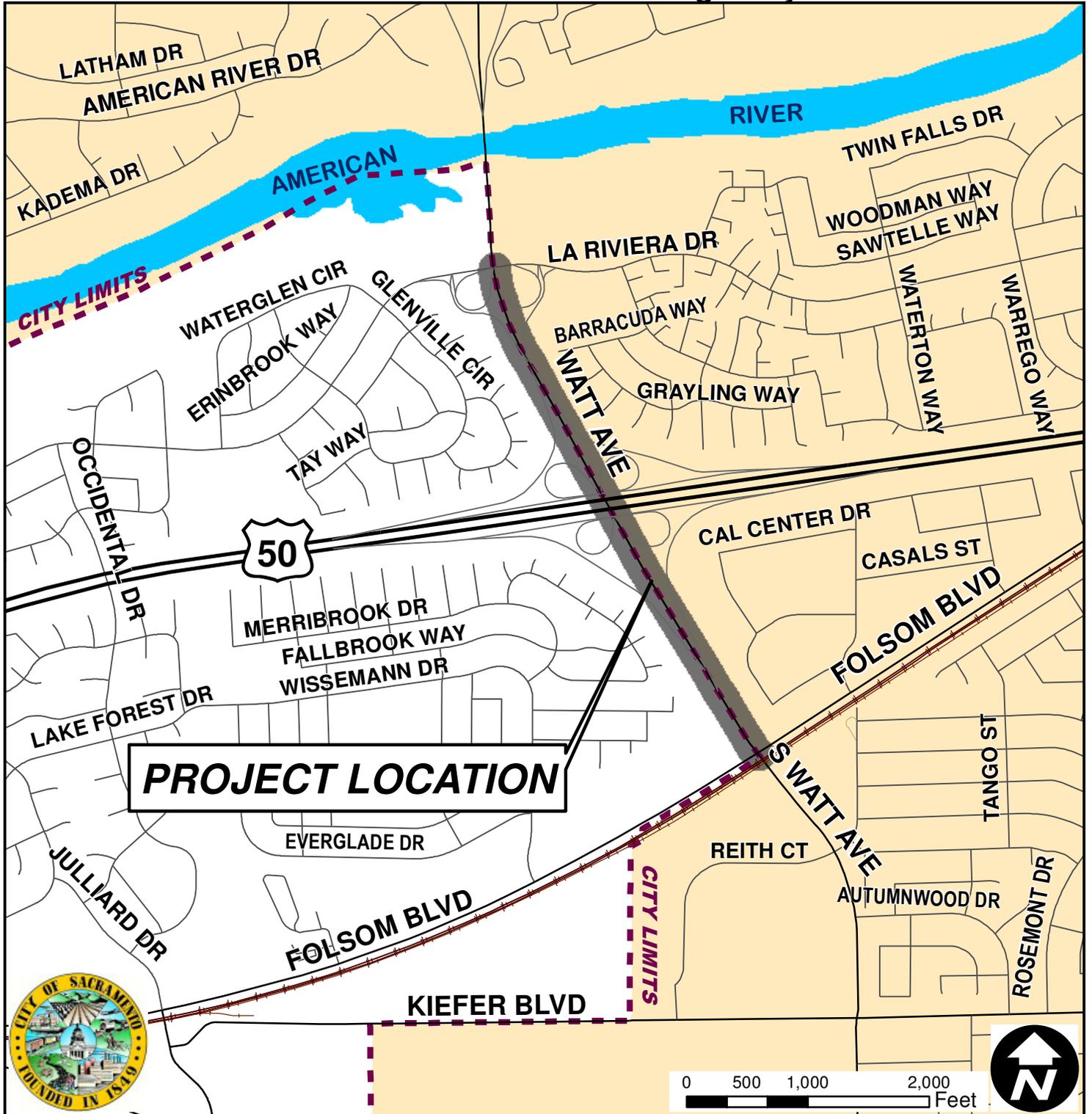
Section 3. Exhibits A is hereby incorporated into and made part of this Resolution.

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Exhibit A: Map of the U.S. Highway 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Improvements and Watt Avenue Widening Project



Location Map for U.S. Highway 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Improvements and Watt Avenue Widening Project



Map Date: FEB/12; Map Contact: S. Tobin