

Meeting Date: 12/9/2014

Report Type: Consent

Report ID: 2014-00915

Title: Naming of Sacramento Valley Station Passenger Tunnel for Councilmember Steve Cohn

Location: District 3

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution approving the Naming of the Steve Cohn Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Passenger Tunnel.

Contact: Fran Halbakken, Assistant to the City Manager, (916) 808-7194, Office of the City Manager; Jerry Way, Director, (916) 808-6381, Department of Public Works

Presenter: None

Department: City Manager

Division: Executive Office

Dept ID: 02001011

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

Gerald Hicks

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Fran Halbakken - 12/3/2014 5:01:09 PM

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Title: Recommended Naming of the Sacramento Valley Station Passenger Tunnel for Council Member Steve Cohn

Location/Council District: 3

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the naming of the Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Passenger Tunnel as the Steve Cohn Passageway.

Contact: Fran Halbakken, Assistant to the City Manager, 808-7194 and Jerry Way, Director of Public Works, 808-6381

Presenters: None

Department: City Manager's office

Division: Executive Office

Organization No:

Description/Analysis

Issue: As a member of the City Council, Council Member Steve Cohn served on numerous transportation-related boards including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento Transportation Authority, Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District.

Council Member Cohn has been a regional leader in promoting smart and sustainable growth in Sacramento; expanding regional transit and train service from the Bay Area to Sacramento; and expanding the historic downtown Depot building into a multimodal transportation center with a future high speed rail station. He has been a driving force for the first two phases of the Sacramento Valley Station expansion, track relocation and historic Depot rehabilitation, and has worked for years with our federal, state, and local partners to secure project approvals and funding through a variety of sources.

Policy Considerations: The proposed naming is consistent with the City's Facility Naming Policy adopted by City Council on February 26, 2008 (Resolution 2008-112). Under the policy, facilities may be named for an individual who has significantly contributed to the community or the facility. Council Member Cohn was first elected to the City Council in 1994 and is completing a record fifth term. He also served as Vice Mayor in 1996 and 2008.

Economic Impact: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The naming of the SVS Passenger Tunnel is consistent with the City's Facility Naming Policy. Council Member Cohn's leadership and dedication to public service, to the Sacramento Valley Station and to transportation citywide and regionally has had a significant positive impact on the Sacramento Valley Station, the Sacramento community, and beyond.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**NAMING THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY STATION PASSENGER TUNNEL AS THE
STEVE COHN PASSAGEWAY**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

BACKGROUND

- A. The City Council wishes to recognize and honor the lifelong public service contributions of Council Member Steve Cohn in energy and city government.
- B. During his career as a Council Member and a long-time board member with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento Transportation Authority, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and the Air Quality Management District, he has had a tremendous impact on Council District 3, the City of Sacramento, and the transportation system serving the metropolitan region. He has also served on the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Sacramento Library Authority, and County Regional Sanitation District.
- C. Council Member Cohn has worked tirelessly for nearly twenty years in pursuit of the goal of expanding the Historic Depot into a Sacramento Valley Station that improves commuter and intercity rail service, freight movement, light rail service, local and intercity bus service, provides bicycle services, includes pedestrian connections, serves as a future home to a streetcar system, and connects Sacramento to the California High Speed Rail system.
- D. A prior City Council approved relocation of the Historic Depot building from its current location to the north, near North B Street. Council Member Cohn played a key role in fighting to keep the Depot in place rather than move it. The City Council followed his lead to unanimously support keeping it in place.
- E. Council Member Cohn helped secure multiple funding sources for the track relocation and historic Depot rehabilitation construction, making the first phases of the Sacramento Valley Station expansion project a reality for our region.
- F. Council Member Cohn has also supported the development of the Downtown Railyards project. He assisted with securing funding for 5th Street, 6th Street, 7th Street, Railyards Boulevard, and the Green Line Light Rail extension to link the Downtown Railyards to the Central Business District and the River District for the first time. He has played a key role in positioning the Downtown Railyards to begin fulfilling its long-awaited development potential.

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

The Sacramento Valley Station Passenger Tunnel shall be named the “Steve Cohn Passageway.”