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REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Cooperative Agreement: South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project, and Appropriation of Funds (PN: TR91)

Location/Council District: Intersection of South Watt and Fruitridge Road – Location Map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 6)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento for the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project (PN: TR91) and 2) appropriating $1,500,000 ($1,050,000 from the County of Sacramento, and $450,000 from the City) to the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvement Project (PN: TR91).

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Presenters: None

Department: Department of Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3434

Description/Analysis

Issue: The County of Sacramento has requested that the City participate in the widening of the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road intersection and to construct a traffic signal. Three-quarters of this intersection is located within the City.

On July 25, 2006, the City Council approved the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project (PN: TR91), and directed staff to negotiate and prepare a cooperative agreement with the County of Sacramento and bring the agreement to the City Council for approval.

The total estimated project cost is $1.5 million dollars. The City will pay up to $450,000 toward the project and the County will pay the remainder of $1,050,000.

Policy Considerations: This project is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals to improve and expand public safety and to achieve sustainability and enhance livability.

This project is a high priority project for the County. The project is ranked in the City's 2006 Transportation Programming Guide (TPG) as No. 19 in the Major Street Section and No. 29 in the Traffic Signal Section.

Due to the ability to leverage a significant amount of County funds, staff recommends proceeding with this project and approving the Cooperative Agreement with the County

Environmental Considerations: The Development Services Department, Environmental Services has reviewed the project and determined that approving the Cooperative Agreement is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section 15301(c).

Environmental Documentation will be prepared prior to starting final design.

Rationale for Recommendation: Approving the Cooperative Agreement with the County would allow for the commencement of design and construction of this project, which would mutually benefit the City and the County by relieving traffic congestion and improving public safety at the intersection of South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road. Currently, this intersection experiences heavy congestion and delays which impact traffic circulation in the area. County funds will be leveraged to construct this project

Financial Considerations: The estimated total project cost to complete the environmental, final design documentation, and construction of the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project (PN: TR91) is $1,500,000. The Cooperative Agreement provides for the City to pay a not-to-exceed amount of $450,000 toward the total cost to complete the project and the County to fund the remaining $1,050,000.

As of September 28, 2006, the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvement Project (PN: TR91) has a total budget of $5,000. Approval of the additional funding in the amount of $450,000 (209-710-7012) from Major Street Construction Contingency and $1,050,000 (Fund 248) from the County of Sacramento will increase the total budget to $1,505,000, which is sufficient to cover the total estimated project cost of $1,500,000.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: _____
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Attachment 1

-Background-

South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project (PN: TR91)

The South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection experiences heavy congestion and extended delays during peak travel hours. A four way stop sign maintains the traffic at this intersection which currently operates at Level of Service F (where A=best and F=worst).

Three-quarters of the intersection is located within the City of Sacramento. The northeast quadrant is located within the County of Sacramento.

Curb, gutter, sidewalk and street lights exist along the west side of South Watt Avenue, but there are no improvements on the east side of South Watt Avenue and on either side of Fruitridge Road (east of South Watt Ave).

The County is planning to widen South Watt Avenue (currently, one lane in each direction) to six lanes from Elder Creek Road to Fruitridge Road, within the next five years. Additionally, Fruitridge Road (currently, one lane in each direction) is planned for widening from Florin Perkins Road to South Watt Avenue.

To relieve congestion at the intersection of South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road, a traffic signal and widening of South Watt Avenue at Fruitridge Road Intersection is proposed at this time. Other improvements such as new curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA compliant curb ramps and drainage improvements are also proposed. The total estimated cost of this project is $1.5 million.

On July 25, 2006, the City Council approved the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project (PN: TR91) and amended the FY06/07 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) by appropriating $5,000 from Major Street Construction Contingency (209-710-7012) to this project, and directed staff to negotiate and prepare a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Sacramento, and bring the Agreement and funding recommendations to the City Council for approval.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO FOR THE SOUTH WATT AVENUE AND FRUITRIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS (PN: TR91)

BACKGROUND

A. The South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection experiences heavy congestion and extended delays during peak travel hours. Currently, the Level of Service is F (where A=best and F=worst).

B. To relieve congestion at the intersection of South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road, the widening of South Watt Avenue at Fruitridge Road and the construction of a traffic signal is proposed. Other improvements such as curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA compliant curb ramps and drainage improvements are also proposed.

C. The widening of South Watt Avenue is ranked No. 19 in the Major Street Section and No. 29 in the Traffic Signal Section of the City's 2006 Transportation Programming Guide (TPG). Staff recommends completion of the project due to leveraging of significant County funds and to improve public safety.

D. The South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project (PN: TR91) is proposed as a joint effort between the City and the County. The current proposal between the City and the County staff is as follows:

   a. The total estimated project cost is $1.5 million dollars. The City will pay up to $450,000 toward the project and the County will pay the remainder of $1,050,000.

   b. The City will manage the design and construction of this project.

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

Section 1. The Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento for the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvements Project (PN: TR91) is approved.

Section 2. The FY06/07 Capital Improvement Program expenditure budget is amended by appropriating $450,000 (209-710-7012) and $1,050,000 (Fund 248) to the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvement Project (PN: TR91) and the revenue budget is amended by appropriating $1,050,000 (Fund 248) to the South Watt Avenue and Fruitridge Road Intersection Improvement Project (PN: TR91).

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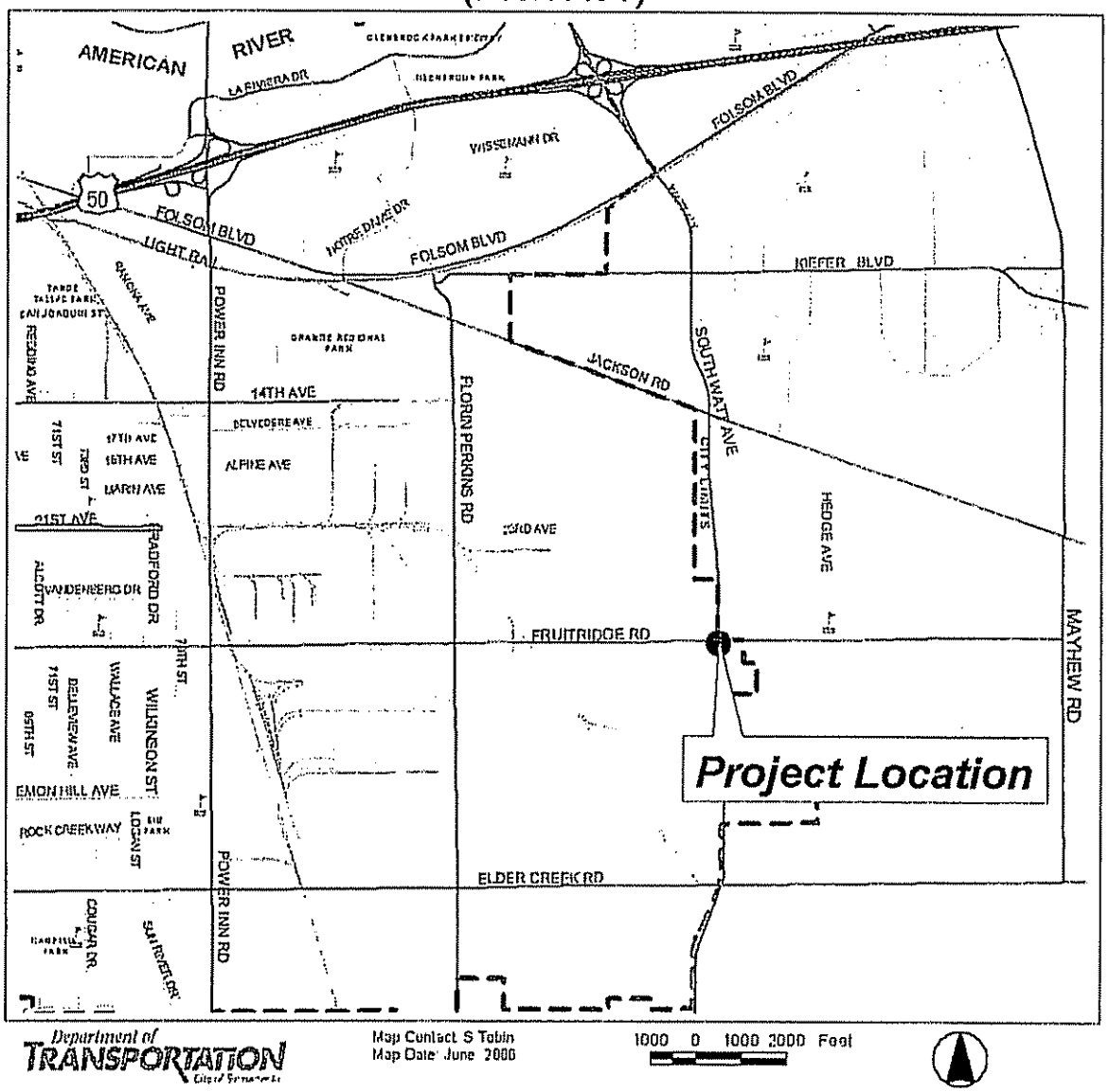
EXHIBIT A

Location Map for

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