

REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2604
www. CityofSacramento.org



CONSENT
September 11, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Interchange Improvements -
Establishment of CIPs and Appropriation of Funds

Location/Council District: The Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Interchange Improvements and Access Projects are both located just north of Downtown. (District 1)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) establishing two Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) and the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61); 2) appropriating \$1,000,000 (Fund 511) and transferring \$300,000 (Fund 201) from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) to the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) and appropriating \$1,000,000 (Fund 511) and transferring \$300,000 (Fund 201) from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) to the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61); and 3) directing staff to bring a reallocation request to the Sacramento Transportation Authority.

Contact: Ted Davini, Senior Engineer, 808-8930; Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, 808-7531.

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3435

Description/Analysis

Issue: Establishing two CIPs and appropriating funds is required to begin the consultant selection process for professional services to: 1) provide preliminary engineering, environmental services, and final design services for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71), and 2) provide preliminary engineering and environmental services to complete the preparation and approval of a Caltrans Project Study Report

(PSR) for the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61).

Policy Considerations: The action requested supports the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety and achieving sustainability and enhancing livability.

Environmental Considerations: The establishment of CIPs and appropriation of funds is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. The recommended action involves no physical construction and has no potential to cause significant impact to the environment.

Rationale for Recommendation: These actions are required to begin the project delivery process for these two projects. The eventual construction of these two projects is consistent and critical to the City's in-fill and redevelopment goals in the Richards Boulevard and Railyards areas.

Financial Considerations:

Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71): The estimated cost to provide preliminary engineering, environmental services, and final design services for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) is \$1,300,000. Appropriating \$1,000,000 (Fund 511) and transferring \$300,000 (Fund 201) from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) to the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) will establish the budget.

Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61): The estimated cost to provide preliminary engineering and environmental services to complete the preparation and approval of a Caltrans Project Study Report (PSR) for the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61) is \$1,300,000. Appropriating \$1,000,000 (Fund 511) and transferring \$300,000 (Fund 201) from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) to the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61) will establish the budget.

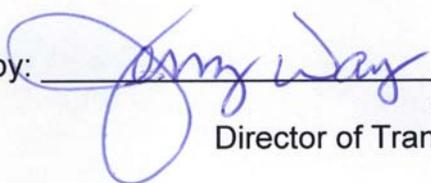
The City received a \$8,400,000 Federal Earmark from SAFETEA-LU for the North Central Business District Access Project. Appropriating \$2,000,000 to these two projects will leave \$6,400,000 to be appropriated to other projects to provide access to the North Central Business District as directed by Council at a future date.

Informational Note: Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board approval is required for all Measure A reallocations. Staff will submit the reallocation request for action at the next scheduled STA Board meeting. The reallocation of Measure A in the amount of \$600,000 is contingent upon STA Board approval. There is minimal risk that

the STA Board will not approve the reallocation request. Staff will return to City Council for further budget approvals if the STA Board does not approve the reallocation request.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

Table of Contents:

	Report	Pg 1
Attachments		
1	Background	Pg 4
2	Resolution	Pg 5
	Exhibit A - Location Map	Pg 8

Attachment 1

Background Information:

The proposed projects are located on the border of two important City of Sacramento development districts: the Richards Boulevard area and the Railyards area. The Richards Boulevard area is an area bordered by the Sacramento River to the west, the American River to the north, North B Street to the south, and 18th Street to the east. This area has traditionally been an industrial area that is currently in a Renaissance era as it converts to an extension of the downtown urban core. As the Richards Boulevard area redevelops, there are increasing needs for circulation improvements.

The Railyards area has received its name from its long-term use as Southern Pacific's primary west coast railroad service yard. The Railyards area is located just to the south of the Richards Boulevard area. In December 2006, Thomas Enterprises purchased the Railyards from the railroad company and is in the approval process for a new Railyards Specific Plan. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the specific plan was publicly circulated in August 2007. The development of this specific plan is also expected to require significant circulation infrastructure improvements.

The infrastructure elements of both proposed projects have been analyzed in several past EIRs in the area as well as the ongoing EIR for the Railyards Specific Plan. The proposed projects are intended to be largely consistent with these documents, with the understanding that minor changes to the roadway geometry may result as more detailed studies are performed during the delivery of these projects.

The primary goal of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) is to provide near-term circulation improvements for the surrounding redevelopment areas. These improvements are expected to include the extension of Bercut Drive from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, widening Jibboom Street from Richards Boulevard to Railyards, connecting Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive under Interstate 5 in the Railyards, and improving the existing Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 interchange to the maximum extent possible under the Caltrans encroachment permit process. This project is not expected to construct the ultimate roadway improvements for the Richards Boulevard Interchange with Interstate 5.

To help establish feasible scope, cost and schedule for the ultimate roadway and interchange improvements, the City anticipates completing a formal Caltrans PSR for the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Interchange as a separate effort completed concurrently with the interim project. This Caltrans PSR will be completed as part of the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61). It will study multiple viable alternatives and prepare cost estimates that can most appropriately meet the areas long-term circulation needs for this interchange and its connections to the area's arterial and collector roadways.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Interchange
and Related Project Approvals**

BACKGROUND

- A. The proposed projects are located on the border of two important City of Sacramento development districts: the Richards Boulevard area and the Railyards area. The Richards Boulevard area has traditionally been an industrial area that is currently in a renaissance era as it converts to an extension of the downtown urban core. The Railyards area has received its name from its long-term use as Southern Pacific's primary west coast railroad service yard. In December 2006, Thomas Enterprises purchased the Railyards from the railroad company and is in the approval process for a new Railyards Specific Plan. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the specific plan was publicly circulated in August 2007.
- B. As the Richards Boulevard and Railyards areas redevelop, there are increasing needs for circulation improvements. The infrastructure elements of both proposed projects have been analyzed in several past EIRs in the area as well as the ongoing EIR for the Railyards Specific Plan. The proposed projects are intended to be largely consistent with these past documents, with the understanding that minor changes to the roadway geometry may result as more detailed studies are performed during the delivery of this project. The primary goal of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) is to provide near-term circulation improvements for the surrounding redevelopment areas. As a result, this project is not expected to construct the ultimate roadway improvements for the Richards Boulevard Interchange with Interstate 5. To help establish feasible scope, cost and schedule for the ultimate roadway and interchange improvements, the City anticipates completing a formal Caltrans PSR for the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Interchange as a separate effort completed concurrently with interim project. This Caltrans PSR will be completed as part of the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61). It will study multiple viable alternatives and cost estimates that can most appropriately meet the areas long-term circulation needs for this interchange and its connections to the area's arterial and collector roadways.

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

- Section 1. Establish two Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) and the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61).
- Section 2. Staff is directed to process the necessary paperwork with SACOG and Caltrans to program \$1,000,000 in federal funds to the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) and \$1,000,000 in federal funds to the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61).
- Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute Program Supplements for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71) and the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61) when received by staff.
- Section 4. When the federal paperwork is approved, staff is directed to take the following budget actions:
- a) Amend the FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets by appropriating \$1,000,000 (Fund 511) to the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71).
 - b) Amend the FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets by appropriating \$1,000,000 (Fund 511) to the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61).
- Section 5. Amend the FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets by transferring \$300,000 (Fund 201) from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) to the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71).
- Section 6. Amend the FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets by transferring \$300,000 (Fund 201) from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) to the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61).

Table of Contents:

Exhibit A: Map of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71), and the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61) – 1 page

EXHIBIT A

Location Map for

Access Improvements from Railyards to Richards Boulevard
and Interstate 5 Project (PN:TR71)
and Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5
Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN:TR61)

