



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
May 23, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Agreements: Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement Projects (PN: HC06) – Approve a Utility Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and a Cooperative Agreement with the City of West Sacramento

**Location/Council District:** Tower Bridge - Capitol Mall (Route 275) at Sacramento River. Location Map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 1)

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a Utility Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Sacramento and State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento and appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,324,246 to the project.

**Contact:** Nader Kamal, Special Projects Engineer, (916) 808-7035; Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, (916) 808-7531

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Department of Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 3434

**Summary:**

Approval of the Utility Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Sacramento and State of California Department of Parks and Recreation enables the City to pay the State to relocate its Electronic Equipment Box, which is in conflict with proposed improvements at the northeast quadrant of the project site. The amount of the agreement is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000. This box contains railroad equipment which operates the State Historic Railroad Museum's excursion train crossing at Capitol Mall.



Approval of the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento covers responsibilities and funding contributions for the project. The City of Sacramento is responsible for performing the final design, bid advertising, construction award and construction management of the project. All project costs will be equally shared by both Cities, except for the Utility relocation cost, which the City has agreed to pay 100 percent of the cost, which is estimated to be \$590,000. In addition, the City of West Sacramento is required to provide an additional \$824,246 in funds towards the project to meet their full share of funds. As well, the City of Sacramento is required to reimburse West Sacramento up to \$100,000 for their expenses in supporting the design and construction of the project.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval of construction funding is scheduled for early June 2006. Bid advertising is scheduled for late June 2006, with construction anticipated to start in mid-November 2006 and completion in late-April 2008.

The project received \$500,000 from the Federal FY06 Appropriations bill.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None.

### **Background Information:**

Tower Bridge is the primary pedestrian/bikeway connection across the Sacramento River between the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. The purpose of the Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Project (PN: HC06) is to satisfy the Sacramento and West Sacramento Riverfront Master Plans by improving everyday and special event pedestrian and bicyclist safety and mobility while maintaining the current vehicular capacity over the bridge.

The project will widen the sidewalks from 3-4 feet to 10 feet.

The Tower Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The project design will respect the historic character by:

1. Preserving existing sidewalks while widening;
2. Preserving the existing railing by relocating it outside of the widened sidewalk;
3. Preserving the concrete barriers and pylons;
4. Preserving the sidewalk lighting fixtures;
5. Preserving the sidewalk pedestrian gates and;
6. Preserving the sidewalk support members.

Finally, information kiosks will be constructed next to the bridge with pictures of all historic elements affected by the project.

**Financial Considerations:**

As of May 3, 2006, the Tower Bridge Pedestrian Improvement Project (PN: HC06) has a budget of \$2,388,402 with an unobligated balance of \$176,731. Appropriating an additional \$824,246 (Fund 248) to the project from the City of West Sacramento agreement and \$500,000 (Fund 511) from the Federal FY 06 Appropriation bill increases the project budget by \$1,324,246 to \$3,712,648. This will increase the unobligated balance to \$1,500,977, which is sufficient to cover the cost of the agreement with State Parks and the agreement with West Sacramento.

**Environmental Considerations:**

Caltrans as the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approved the Environmental Impact Report on May 23, 2005, and the FHWA as the lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approved the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on June 29, 2006.

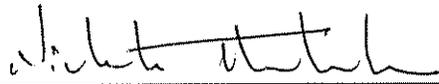
The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the action of approving agreements is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15302 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure being replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

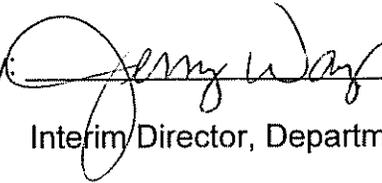
**Policy Considerations:**

Approval of these Agreements is consistent with Title 3 of the Sacramento City Code. The project is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals to improve and expand public safety, achieve sustainability, and enhance livability.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

ESBD rules are held in abeyance for cooperative agreements between government agencies.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Nicholas Theocharides  
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Interim Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

*for*   
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement Projects (PN: HC06) -- Approve a Utility Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and a Cooperative Agreement with the City of West Sacramento and Appropriate Funds**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. Tower Bridge is the primary pedestrian/bikeway connection across the Sacramento River between the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. The purpose of the Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Project (PN: HC06) is to satisfy the Sacramento and West Sacramento Riverfront Master Plans by improving everyday and special event pedestrian and bicyclist safety and mobility while maintaining the current vehicular capacity over the bridge.
- B. The project will widen the sidewalks from 3-4 feet to 10 feet.
- C. The Tower Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The project design will respect the historic character by:
- Preserving existing sidewalks while widening;
  - Preserving the existing railing by relocating it outside of the widened sidewalk;
  - Preserving the concrete barriers and pylons;
  - Preserving the sidewalk lighting fixtures;
  - Preserving the sidewalk pedestrian gates and;
  - Preserving the sidewalk support members.
- D. Finally, information kiosks will be constructed next to the bridge with pictures of all historic elements affected by the project.
- E. The Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento are equally funding the project, although it is owned and operated by Caltrans.

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

- Section 1: The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of West Sacramento which covers responsibilities and funding contributions for the project. The City of Sacramento is responsible for performing the final design, bid advertising, construction

award and construction management of the project. The City of West Sacramento is required to provide \$824,246 in funds towards the project. The City of Sacramento is required to reimburse West Sacramento up to \$100,000 for their expenses in supporting the design and construction of the project.

Section 2: The City Manager is authorized to execute a Program Supplement for the federal funds when it is received from Caltrans.

Section 3: The Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets are amended by appropriating \$824,246 (Fund 248) and \$500,000 (Fund 511) to the Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements Project (PN: HC06) when the federal paperwork is received.

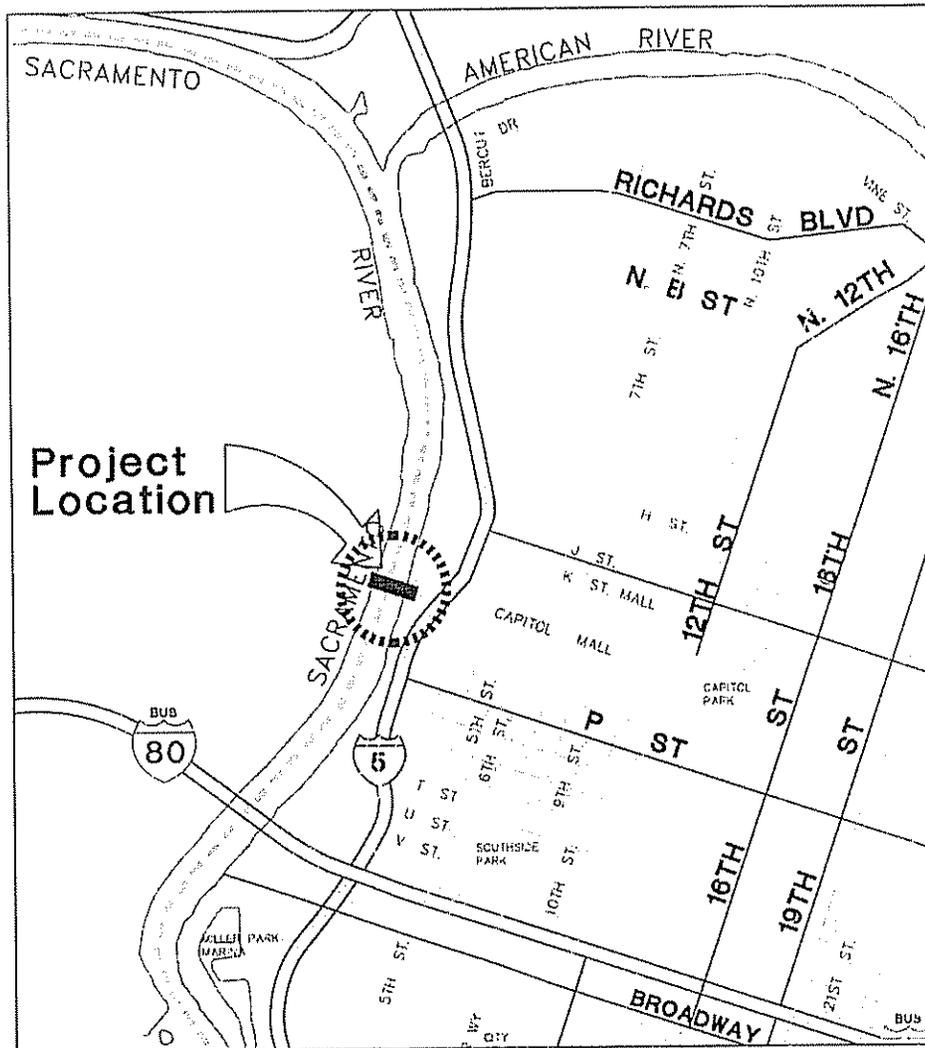
Section 4: The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute a Utility Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Sacramento and State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. This agreement requires the City to pay State Parks an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to relocate a box containing railroad equipment which operates the State Historic Railroad Museum's excursion train crossing at Capitol Mall.

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Exhibit A: Map of Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements Project (PN: HC06)

EXHIBIT A

# TOWER BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



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## PN: HC06 LOCATION MAP

MAP CONTACT: B CAMERON  
DATE: 1/24/06