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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session;

SUBJECT: Caltrans - State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that the City Council instruct staff to forward a letter to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to protest the dropping of several projects, of interest to the City, by Caltrans from their 1981 STIP.

BACKGROUND

The City Council's representative on the SACOG Board of Directors received information at the SACOG meeting of February 19, 1981 that several highway projects contained in the 1980 STIP, that were of great importance to the City of Sacramento, would be dropped in the 1981 STIP. The SACOG staff submitted a condensation of the full State-wide TIP for 1981 that was only concerned with the SACOG area. This document indicated that all new construction on State freeways in the Sacramento area would be dropped. This includes the Mack Road Interchange, the Freeway 5 Corridor Beautification in the Natomas area and some sound attenuation projects. At the request of Councilmember Lynn Robie, the City staff reviewed the material prepared by SACOG and a copy of the draft 1981 STIP. The draft 1981 STIP has a disclaimer on each page which states that the draft was prepared in conformance with State laws to meet the California Transportation Commission's fund estimate for 1981 and is not in any way recommended by Caltrans. There seems to be a difference between Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission regarding fund estimates for 1981 and perhaps the City projects are caught in the middle of this disagreement. It would seem appropriate at this time for the City to reinforce their interests in these projects that were shown to be dropped by sending an additional communication to SACOG supporting the City's position on these projects and opposing any attempt to drop them from the 1981 STIP.

The City Engineering staff is very concerned about the possible dropping of Mack Road Interchange from the 1981 STIP. The Valley Hi area is

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continuing to grow and the City has been actively engaged in making improvements to Mack Road itself, which would make full use of an up-graded interchange. This is an FAU project so there is only approximately \$800,000 of State money in a \$5,250,000 total project cost. The additional funds come from the FAU program, which are federal funds allocated to local areas and must be spent within the Sacramento Urban area. The City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento and Caltrans approved the Mack Road Interchange as an FAU project with Caltrans as the sponsoring agency in 1979. The project has been continuing in design and the City's own capital expenditures in the Valley Hi area have been made depending upon the eventual reconstruction of the Mack Road Interchange. In addition to the Mack Road Interchange, the Caltrans program would drop the highway planting in the scenic corridor on Route 5 in the Natomas area. The City and Caltrans have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the completion of this project to provide a landscape corridor along I-5 between the American River and Route 880. Also, in conformance with that Memorandum of Understanding, the City has budgeted \$250,000 for this project and has acquired title to all but one of the required parcels in the scenic corridor and is continuing in all its development plans in the Natomas area to conform to the Memorandum of Understanding. The document by Caltrans also showed dropping three sound barrier projects within the City as shown on the list below. This list was prepared by staff and is arranged in priority order of importance to the City.

<u>Priority No.</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Improvement Type</u>	<u>Location Limits</u>
1	C-53	Rev. Interchange on Rte. 99	Mack Road Interchange
2	C-22	Highway Planting, Scenic Corridor on Rte. 5	Garden Hwy., to Junction 880
3	C-19	School Noise Attenuation on Rte. 5	Jedediah Smith Elm. School
4	C-44	Sound Wall Barriers on Rte. 99	47th Ave. to Broadway Undercrossing
5	C-18	Sound Barrier Walls on Rte. 80	F Street to C Street

RECOMMENDATION:

The City staff recommends that the City Council oppose the dropping of any projects within the City's jurisdiction from the 1981 STIP and

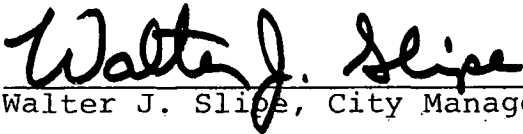
instruct staff to communicate this opposition to SACOG setting forth the City's position on the projects mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recommendation Approved:



Walter J. Slips, City Manager

March 3, 1981  
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