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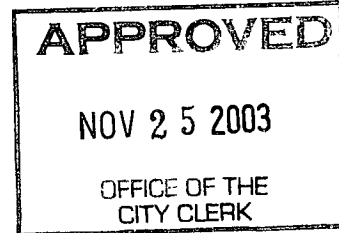
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November 4, 2003



City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SACRAMENTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution supporting a revised proposal for Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board membership as approved by the STA Board and the County Board of Supervisors.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 25, 2003

SUMMARY:

This report presents a revised proposal for STA Board membership. This proposal has been approved by the STA Board and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and includes the following major provisions:

- 1) The current 11 member STA Board would be expanded to 14 seats - New STA Board seats would be added for Folsom, Elk Grove, and Rancho Cordova. (Galt and Isleton would continue to share a seat.)

- 2) Any existing or future City that reaches a population of 50,000 would become eligible for independent representation on the STA Board. Each entity would become eligible for one additional representative, up to a maximum of 5, for each 100,000 increment in population over the threshold of 50,000.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

No action has been taken by City Committees or Commissions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As new cities have been formed in Sacramento County, jurisdictions in the County have considered a variety of proposals for the future STA Board membership and voting structure.

The California Public Utilities Code dictates that the County Board of Supervisors determines the representational composition of the STA Board. The County Board action must be approved by four of the cities represented by a majority of cities having a majority of the population in the incorporated area of the county.

The STA Board is currently comprised of four representatives from the City of Sacramento, five from the County of Sacramento, one from the City of Citrus Heights, and one from the Cities of Folsom, Galt and Isleton.

In April 2001, the County Board of Supervisors took action to add two STA Board seats: one for the City of Elk Grove and another for the City of Folsom. Galt and Isleton would share a seat. The Cities of Elk Grove, Folsom, and Galt then took action to affirm the County Board action. The Sacramento City Council delayed action pending further analysis of a "weighted" voting structure that would reflect a population-based system.

Beginning in September 2001, the Sacramento County Mayors and Board Chair Forum began conducting meetings to address the STA Board voting structure issue. The Forum participants reached agreement that all of the Cities should be invited to send a representative to the STA. The group did not reach agreement on an acceptable voting structure.

In January 2003, the County Board of Supervisors again took action to add an additional Board seat for the City of Rancho Cordova effective July 1, 2003 and to eliminate an existing provision that called for the City of Sacramento to forego one STA Board representative when the cumulative population of all remaining cities exceeds 400,000. County Counsel also advised that while the California Public Utilities Code tasks the Board of Supervisors with determining the membership of the STA Board, the Board of Supervisors has no authority to dictate the voting structure of the Board. That responsibility lies solely with the STA Board.

In April 2003, the STA Board hired Vic Fazio from the consulting firm of Clark and Weinstock to provide public mediation services in connection with development of a new STA Board membership plan. Following discussions with STA Board members and staff representatives

from the County and affected Cities, Board membership alternatives were presented to the STA Board. On September 11, 2003 the STA Board unanimously endorsed a revised composition for the Board that includes the following provisions:

- 1) The current 11 member STA Board would be expanded to 14 seats - New STA Board seats would be added for Folsom, Elk Grove, and Rancho Cordova. (Galt and Isleton would continue to share a seat.)
- 2) Any existing or future City that reaches a population of 50,000 would become eligible for independent representation on the STA Board. Each entity would become eligible for one additional representative, up to a maximum of 5, for each 100,000 increment in population over the threshold of 50,000. (The September 11, 2003 STA Board staff report stated that the City of Sacramento will likely qualify for one additional voting representative within the next two years assuming a continuance of current population trends. At that time, the number of votes required to take action would increase to eight.)

The following table shows the existing and proposed membership and provides population information. The proposed Board membership changes are shaded.

**PROPOSED
 SACRAMENTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (STA)
 BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

1 2002/03	2 Current Voting	3 % of Total Vote	4 Proposed Change	5 % of Total Vote	6 Population	7 % of Total
County of Sacramento – Unincorporated	5	45.5%	5	35.7%	563,100	43.0%
County of Sacramento – Incorporated					746,640	57.0 %
City of Sacramento	4	36.4%	4	28.6%	433,400	33.1 %
City of Citrus Heights	1	9.1%	1	7.1%	87,200	6.7 %
City of Elk Grove	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	85,800	6.5 %
City of Folsom			1	7.1%	63,800	4.9 %
City of Galt					22,000	1.7 %
City of Isleton	1	9.1%	1	7.1%	840	0.1 %
City of Rancho Cordova	0		1	7.1%	53,600	4.0 %
Subtotal Other Cities	2	18.2%	5	35.7%	313,240	23.9 %
Subtotal All Cities	6	54.5%	9	64.3%	746,640	57.0 %
Total	11	100%	14	100%	1,309,740	100 %
Majority Vote	6		8			

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

A change in STA Board membership will not have a financial impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed action is not a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not involve an activity which will cause a direct or indirect physical change in the environment and does not require further environmental review.


POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The final STA Board membership and voting structure may affect the voting power of the City of Sacramento and is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to establish and strengthen community and regional partnerships to enhance the quality of life.


ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

No goods or services are involved with the proposed action.

Respectfully submitted,


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Project Delivery Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

Approved:



Ken Nishimoto
Deputy City Manager

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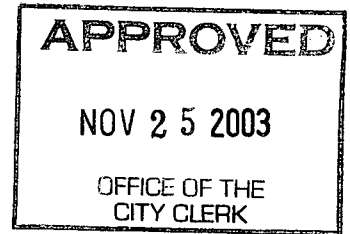
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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-825

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP PLAN FOR THE SACRAMENTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD

WHEREAS, the growth in population within Sacramento County and existing cities within Sacramento County, and the formation of new cities has caused the need to review the existing membership of the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board; and

WHEREAS, the STA Board and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors have unanimously approved a new membership plan for the STA Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO HEREBY SUPPORTS A NEW MEMBERSHIP PLAN FOR THE STA BOARD WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- 1) The current 11 member STA Board would be expanded to 14 seats - New Board seats would be added for Folsom, Elk Grove, and Rancho Cordova. (Galt and Isleton would continue to share a seat.)
- 2) Any existing or future City that reaches a population of 50,000 would become eligible for independent representation on the STA Board. Each entity would become eligible for one additional representative, up to a maximum of 5, for each 100,000 increment in population over the threshold of 50,000.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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