

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
May 5, 2009

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Agreement: Richards Boulevard & Interstate 5 Project Study Report  
(T15028210)**

**Location/Council District:** Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 – Exhibit A of  
Resolution. (District 1)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the Professional Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to proceed with the Project Study Report (PSR) for the report for an amount not to exceed \$752,395; and 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**Contact:** Jesse Gothan, Associate Civil Engineer (916) 808-6897; Ryan Moore,  
Supervising Engineer (916) 808-8279

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 15001141

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** Approval of the agreement is required to proceed with the Project Study Report (PSR) for the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 future interchange.

This interchange will provide capacity and relieve congestion for future traffic associated with the development of the River and Railyards planning districts. Increasing the capacity of this interchange will be a key component of future economic development in this location as well as stimulating future economic recovery.

The interim project, named the *I-5/Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard Interim Access Improvements* project, will go to construction in 2011 and will add lanes to the existing ramps and to Richards Boulevard at the interchange and improve service levels through the interim design year of 2020.

In the mean time, Caltrans has requested the preparation of the PSR for the ultimate interchange. The PSR is a scoping document used by the State to identify the scope, cost estimates, and environmental ramifications for different interchange alternatives. Lastly, the PSR is the document used to program state and federal funds for the design and construction of the project.

**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:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The approval of professional service agreements is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 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.

**Sustainability Considerations:** This project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan. It conforms to the Air Quality Focus Area by improving and optimizing transportation infrastructure and relieving congestion.

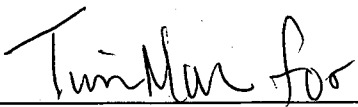
**Other:** None.


**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** A request for proposal (RFP) was advertised, and David Evans and Associates, Inc. was selected as the top-ranked consultant firm.


**Financial Considerations:** As of April 6, 2009, the Richards Boulevard & Interstate 5 Project Study Report (T15028210) has \$1,110,000 total budgeted funds: which is comprised of \$991,536 in Federal Funds (3703), \$91,975 in Measure A Construction Funds (2001), and \$26,489 in Richards/Downtown Impact Fees (3202). These funds are sufficient to fund the professional services agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$752,395. No General Funds will be used on this project.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Because this project is federally funded, the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program requirements supersede the City's ESBD project participation requirements. The federal DBE program has had race neutral advisory goals since May 2006 and compliance has been strictly voluntary. David Evans and Associates, Inc. achieved zero percent DBE participation.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Nicholas Theocharides  
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background**

The current interchange configuration will not serve the future growth envisioned for this area. Once implemented, the Railyards Specific Plan would roughly double the size of the central business district and thereby significantly increase the associated traffic entering and exiting Interstate 5 at Richards Boulevard. In addition, the current effort to plan the River District will increase the projected traffic through this interchange by increasing the available land use. The future interchange project will provide the much needed capacity to catalyze the economic development of both districts and improve access.

The Project Study Report (PSR) is a planning study required by Caltrans because Interstate 5 is included on the Dwight David Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The PSR document will determine the extent of the improvements necessary for the final interchange. The PSR is used by Caltrans to identify scope, alternatives, identify costs, environmental impacts, and program funds for the project. This PSR is the first step of preliminary engineering and will achieve conceptual approval of the alternatives from the state and federal governments.

A Request for Proposals for consultant services to perform a PSR for the Richards Boulevard & Interstate 5 future interchange was advertised. Seven firms responded:

<b>FIRM</b>	<b>DBE PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>GOOD FAITH EFFORT</b>
Wood Rodgers	0 %	N/A <sup>1</sup>
AECOM	5.0 %	N/A <sup>1</sup>
Psomas	1.9 %	N/A <sup>1</sup>
Drake Haglan and Associates	0 %	N/A <sup>1</sup>
David Evans and Associates	0 %	N/A <sup>1</sup>
Parsons Brinkerhoff	1.6 %	N/A <sup>1</sup>
TYLin	4.6 %	N/A <sup>1</sup>

A panel of City staff from the Transportation, Economic Development and Development Services Departments reviewed and evaluated the firm's written proposals based on

<sup>1</sup> DBE is suspended until June 1, 2009. The federal DBE program has had race neutral advisory goals since May 2006 and compliance has been strictly voluntary.

experience, qualifications, and work plan. The panel held three interviews with the top ranked firms which were David Evans and Associates, Wood Rodgers and Drake Haglan and Associates. The unanimous recommendation of the panel was to rank David Evans and Associates, Inc. first.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR A PROJECT STUDY REPORT FOR THE RICHARDS BOULEVARD & INTERSTATE 5 FUTURE INTERCHANGE (T15028210)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. This project will stimulate the economy by providing the needed capacity and relieving congestion for future development of the River and Railyards planning districts and improve access.
- B. After a competitive solicitation the City has selected David Evans and Associates, Inc. to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR). This report will define the project alternatives for an ultimate interchange at Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5. The alternatives will obtain conceptual approval from the regulating authorities and define the projects cost, scope and estimates. This interchange will provide capacity for future development of the River and Railyards planning districts.

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

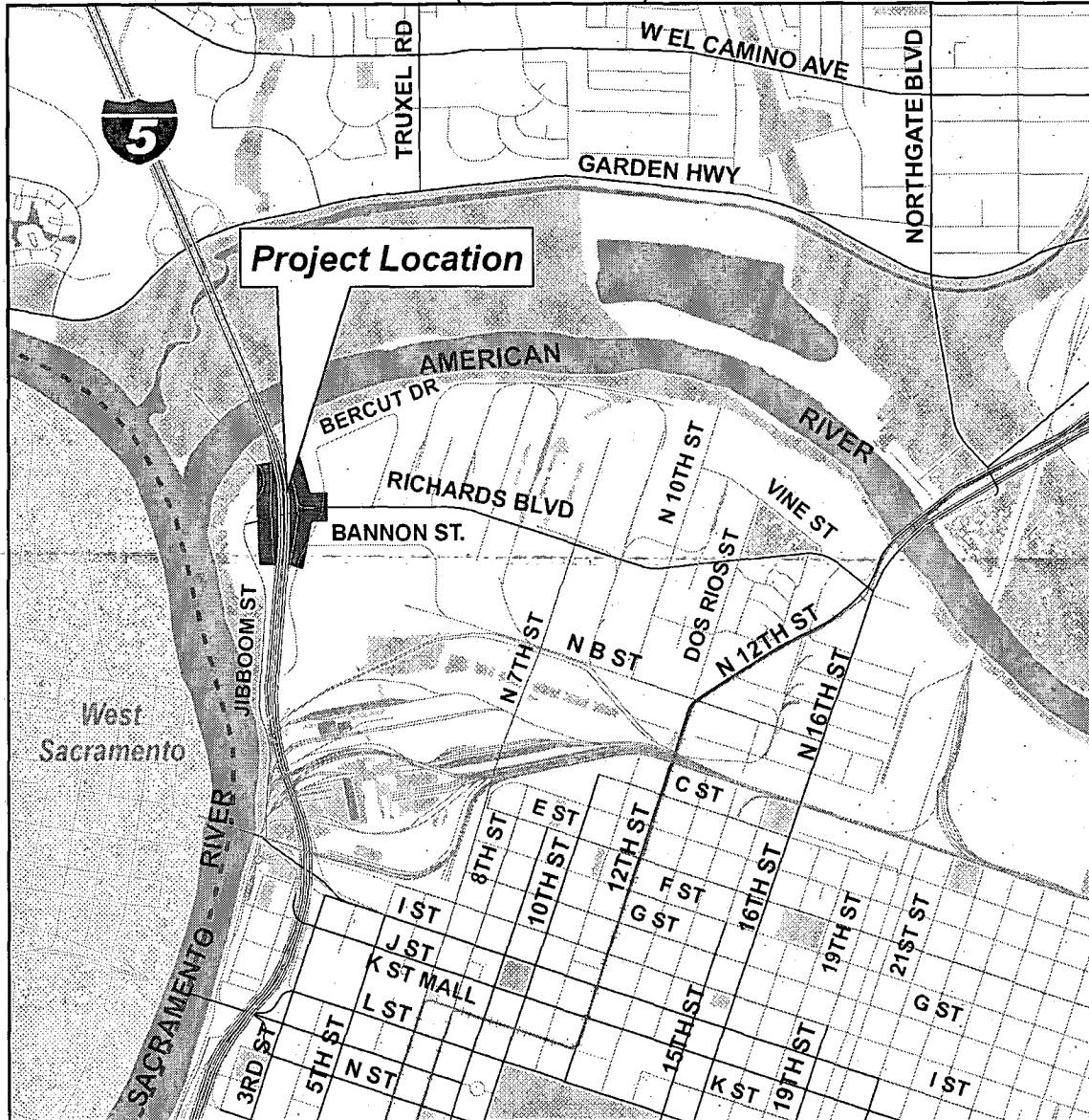
- Section 1. The Professional Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project Study Report (T15028210) for an amount not to exceed \$752,395 is approved.
- Section 2. The City Manager is directed to execute a Professional Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$752,395.

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- Exhibit A: Map of Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Interchange Project Study Report (T15028210)

EXHIBIT A

Location Map for  
RICHARDS BOULEVARD AND INTERSTATE 5 INTERCHANGE  
PROJECT STUDY REPORT  
(T15028210)



Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
City of Sacramento

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Map Date: MAR.09

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