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October 4, 2004

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST TIME EXTENSION TO UTILIZE STATE  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

R Street Bridge over Interstate 5 between Front Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street - Council Districts 1 and 4. (See location map – Attachment A)

North B Street, North 7<sup>th</sup> Street to North 12<sup>th</sup> Street – Council District 1. (See location map – Attachment A)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution:

- Authorizing the Director of the Department of Transportation to sign and submit, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, a request to Caltrans for a Cooperative Work Agreement (CWA) time extension to utilize state transportation funds authorized for the R Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Conversion Project (PN: HC51) and the North B Street Reconstruction Project (PN: TX41).

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Theresa Arnold, Senior Engineer, 808-5514  
Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, 808-7531

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** November 9, 2004

**SUMMARY:**

This report recommends that the City Council authorize the Director of the Department of Transportation to sign and submit, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, a request to Caltrans for a time extension to utilize the state transportation funds authorized for the R Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Conversion Project (PN: HC51) and the North B Street Reconstruction Project (PN: TX41).

The R Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Conversion project will convert the existing railroad bridge over Interstate 5, between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Front Street into a bicycle/pedestrian bridge. The North B Street Reconstruction project will reconstruct the roadway from North 7<sup>th</sup> Street to North 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In December 2002, Caltrans approved \$432,899 of Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funding for the R Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Conversion Project. This project will convert the existing railroad bridge over Interstate 5 between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Front Street into a bicycle and pedestrian bridge. The work will include the removal of railroad materials, installation of fencing and lighting, and paving of the bridge deck.

The R Street railroad bridge is currently owned by State Parks, who have expressed interest in selling Fee Title to the bridge as opposed to a Recreational Easement. Due to the unknown conditions of the railroad bridge and lack of inspection reports, the City is having an independent bridge inspection done. Depending on the findings, staff will enter into negotiations for Fee Title or a Recreational Easement.

All billings for BTA funding must be submitted to Caltrans by April 1, 2005 in order to meet the State's funding reimbursement deadline. However, the right-of-way negotiations could take several months to resolve. For this reason, staff would like to request a time extension on the BTA funding from Caltrans for the R Street Reconstruction Project (PN: HC51).

In May 2001, Caltrans approved \$35,000 of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for the environmental phase of the North B Street Reconstruction Project. While this phase of work was completed in February 2002, the City has been unable to invoice Caltrans for all of the funds owed because the City's indirect rate has not been approved by Caltrans. Staff does not believe that Caltrans will have the indirect rate

approved by April 1, 2005 and, therefore, would like to request a time extension for the STIP funds for the North B Street Reconstruction Project (PN: TX41).

Prior to April 2005, the state Department of Finance will review the City's justification and determine whether an extension should be approved. There will not be an appeal process for projects for which an extension request is denied.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The total project budget for the R Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Conversion Project (PN: HC51) is \$481,000. If the time extension is denied, the City will lose the entire BTA grant of \$432,899.

The environmental phase of the North B Street Reconstruction Project (PN: TX41) was \$35,000. If the time extension is denied, the City will lose \$12,094 in state funds for this project. This represents the amount of indirect expenses in the project that are ineligible for reimbursement by the state until the indirect rate is approved.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the R Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Conversion Project (PN: HC51) as part of the Sacramento River Bike Trail Project (PN: HA78) for compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The review resulted in the determination that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Negative Declaration was prepared in March 1997 and approved in May 2000. A Notice of Determination was not filed with the Clerk County Recorder's office. However, no challenges to the document were filed within the legal challenge period. Funding for this project is state-only funding, therefore compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) is not required.

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the North B Street Reconstruction Project (PN: TX41) and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA under Class 3, Section 15302(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempted under Class 3 consist of reconstruction of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This action requested herein is consistent with the Sacramento City Code, Title 3 and with the City of Sacramento Strategic Plan goals to improve public safety, diversify the regional transportation system, and enhance and revitalize neighborhoods.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Theocharides  
Engineering Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager



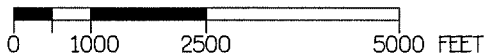
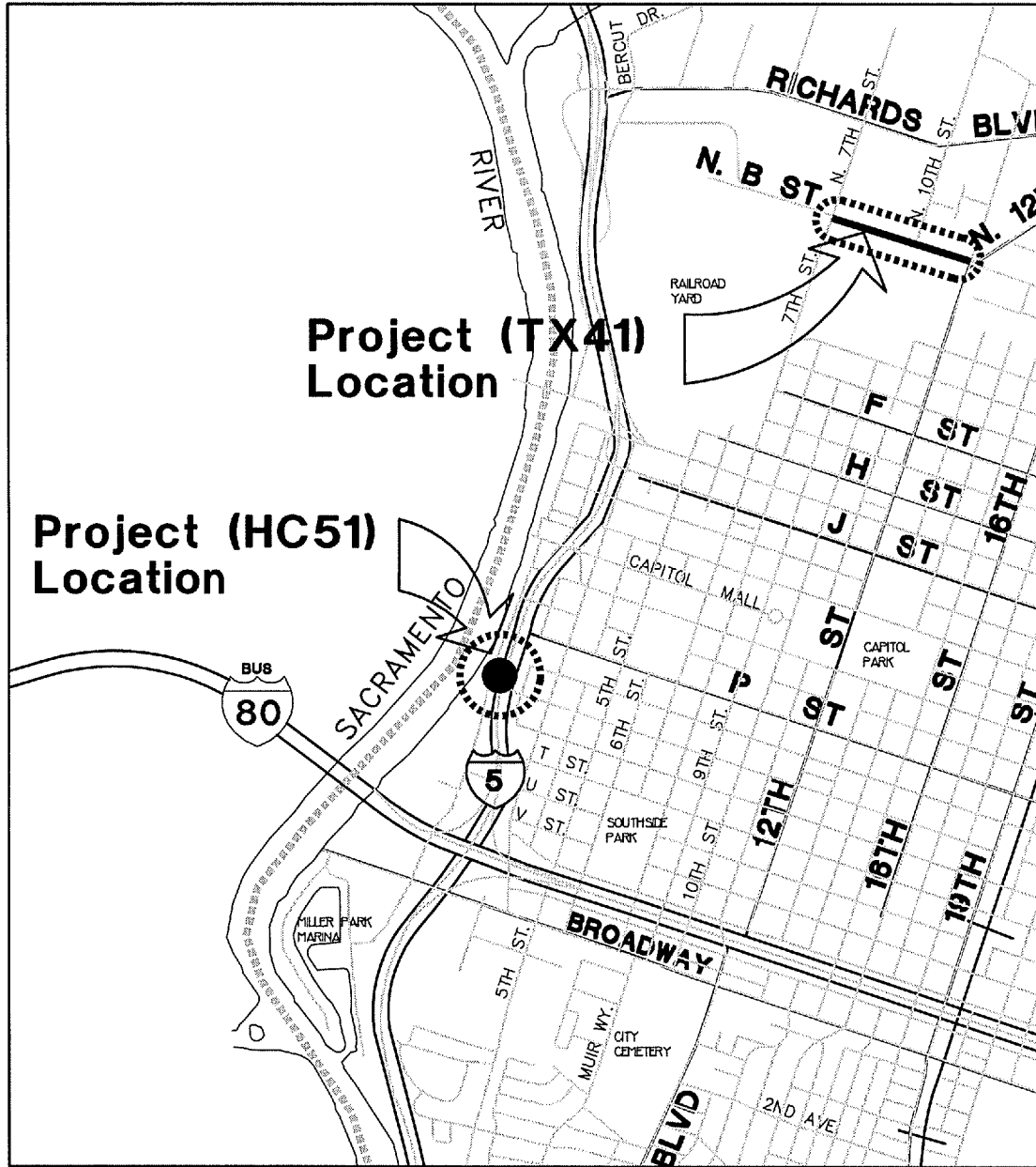
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Director, Department of Transportation

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# R STREET BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONVERSION PROJECT AND NORTH B STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



## PN: HC51 AND TX41 LOCATION MAP

MAP CONTACT: E. CAMERON  
DATE: 10/26/04

**RESOLUTION NO.**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

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