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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: REGIONAL TRANSIT/WATT AVENUE PARK AND RIDE/ANTELOPE LAND EXCHANGE

SUMMARY

During the Mid-Year Review on February 27, 1990, the Budget and Finance Committee requested that staff return with a report on the Regional Transit (RT)/Watt Avenue Park and Ride/Antelope Land Exchange. The Sacramento County Public Works Department is recommending, to the Sacramento Board of Supervisors at their March 13, 1990 meeting, that this project be removed from the Federal Aid Urban (FAU) priority list and that RT sell the surplus land and repay the County and the City for funds withheld by Caltrans. This report recommends that the City endorse this action. This report is being heard on the same day by the Committee and the City Council due to the request of Sacramento County that the City Council and the Board of Supervisors consider the item on the same day.

BACKGROUND

See the attached report to the City Council.

FINANCIAL

See the attached report to the City Council.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The recommended action is consistent with City policy to prudently manage revenues and avoid actions which would adversely affect the implementation of the Capital Improvement Program.

MBE/WBE


There are no MBE/WBE impacts.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee support the removal of the project from the FAU priority list and forward this report to the full City Council with a recommendation to adopt the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


Melvin H. Johnson
Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



Jack R. Crist
Deputy City Manager

Contact Person

Melvin H. Johnson, Director of Public Works
449-5283

March 13, 1990
All Districts

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 89-748
AND SUPPORTING THE REMOVAL OF THE EXCHANGE
OF THE WATT AVENUE PARCEL FOR LAND IN THE ANTELOPE AREA
FROM THE FEDERAL AID URBAN (FAU) PRIORITY LIST**

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the City of Sacramento rescind Resolution No. 89-748, which supported Regional Transit's (RT) petition to the Federal Highway Administration to accept the exchange of the Watt Avenue park and ride facility property for property in the Antelope area for future RT facilities.
2. That the City of Sacramento support the deletion of the exchange of the Watt Avenue parcel for land in the antelope area from FAU priority list.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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BACKGROUND

At their March 28, 1989 meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors was advised by RT of their desire to exchange surplus land on Watt Avenue for land in the Antelope area for future RT facilities. The Watt Avenue parcel was acquired by RT with FAU funds for a park and ride facility and became surplus with the construction of the RT light rail station at Watt Avenue and I-80.

On May 16, 1989, the Board of Supervisors supported RT's request and, acting as the County FAU Committee, placed the Antelope land acquisition, by means of a property exchange, on the FAU priority list.

On September 27, 1989, the City Council passed a resolution supporting the exchange of properties and requesting that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) extend the deadline for disposal of the Watt Avenue property and that the deduction of \$2.37 million from FAU funds to the County, the City, and RT be rescinded.

Since this action, there have been several meetings with FHWA, Caltrans, RT, the City, and the County Public Works Departments and correspondence among the parties, but there has been no approval by FHWA for the exchange.

RT has advised the Board of Supervisors of the following options they can pursue to gain approval of the proposed exchange:

1. Appeal to the Region 9 Administrator and, if not successful there, appeal to the Deputy Director of Transportation in Washington, D.C. (this has been done).
2. Obtain support from local members of Congress to try to get the Department of Transportation to reverse their position (Congressman Vic Fazio wrote a letter to Transportation Secretary Skinner).
3. Find a sponsor for special legislation.

At the February 26, 1990, RT Board meeting, the General Manager's report included an oral update on the Watt Avenue property. Tom Matoff reported that Secretary Skinner had responded to Congressman Fazio declining to reverse FHWA's determination on this matter. The RT Board members then proposed contacting both House and Senate members to obtain support for their proposed exchange. However, it is not believed that political support will change the bureaucracy, and there is not much hop for special legislation to resolve the matter.

The County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the FAU Committee, has the ability to remove projects from the priority list. Accordingly, the County Public Works Department is recommending that the Board of Supervisors delete the Antelope park and ride exchange project from the FAU priority list. RT will then be in a position to sell the surplus land and repay the County and the City for funds withheld.

FINANCIAL

FHWA has withheld \$2,367,475 in federal funds from Caltrans and Caltrans is now withholding Federal and some State funds from Sacramento County, City of Sacramento, and RT until the full amount is recovered. As of January 1, 1990, Sacramento County has had \$938,760 withheld and the City has had approximately \$450,000 withheld.

As a result of the FHWA decision on the matter, it is estimated that as much as \$800,000 could be withheld from the City. If this issue is not resolved favorably, the City will have to start defunding gas tax projects in the amount of \$800,000. This is approximately 40% of the City's gas tax expenditures for capital projects.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

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MBE/WBE


There are no MBE/WBE impacts associated with this report.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council rescind its previous action supporting the land exchange and now support the removal of the project from the FAU priority list by adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


Melvin H. Johnson
Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


For Walter J. Slipe
City Manager

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