

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 11-12, 2009

Reference No.: 2.3b.
Action Item

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Subject: **NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION, 03-SAC-05 PM 14.9**
RESOLUTION S-740

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the attached Resolution S-740 and map authorizing a new public road connection to Interstate 5 (I-5) at Cosumnes River Boulevard in the city of Sacramento.

ISSUE:

The City of Sacramento has requested approval of a new public road connection to I-5. Pursuant to Section 100.2 of the Streets and Highways Code, no local road shall be connected with any freeway until the Commission adopts a resolution consenting thereto. It is recommended that the Commission approve the resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. The resolution grants approval of a new public road connection as an interchange to I-5, in the county of Sacramento, city of Sacramento, at Post Mile 14.9.

Recommended by: _____
RICHARD D. LAND
Chief Engineer

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sacramento is proposing to construct a new interchange at I-5 and Cosumnes River Boulevard in Sacramento south of the Pocket/Meadowview Road interchange. The new interchange and local street expansion will provide an east/west connection between I-5 and State Route 99 (SR 99) and will support planned development and growth in the area. Traffic studies performed in 2004 predicted increased congestion as land development and growth continue in accordance with the adopted City and County General Plans. This project will improve the safety and operations of I-5 and reduce congestion at adjacent interchanges. In order to construct this project, Commission approval is required for the new public road connection to I-5 at Cosumnes River Boulevard.

On June 26, 1962, the California Highway Commission adopted I-5 as a freeway. I-5 is a north-south interstate highway that runs from the international boundary near Tijuana to the Oregon State line via National City, San Diego, Los Angeles, the westerly side of the San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento and Yreka. I-5 is on the California Freeway and Expressway System, and it is part of the National Highway System and functionally classified as a principal arterial. In addition, I-5 is part of the Interregional Road System and is a designated Focus Route in the Department's Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan. I-5 is also a designated route on the National Truck Network under the 1990 Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act.

Within the project limits, I-5 is a six-lane freeway with a 60-foot median and continuous three-beam barrier. I-5 accommodates significant amounts of interregional traffic, including commercial and agricultural trucking, tourist, and business traffic. I-5 also functions as a commuter route for residents of the city of Elk Grove, Laguna West, southern Sacramento County, and northern San Joaquin County.

The proposed project includes construction of an interchange at I-5 and the westerly extension of Cosumnes River Boulevard from Franklin Boulevard, east of I-5, to Freeport Boulevard, west of I-5. Cosumnes River Boulevard is a major east-west arterial roadway in the city of Sacramento. A portion of this roadway is already constructed, extending from Franklin Boulevard east to SR 99, where the roadway becomes Calvine Road within unincorporated area of Sacramento County. Calvine Road is a major arterial, extending to the east to Grant Line Road and servicing major growth areas in south Sacramento County. The proposed project will improve circulation in southern Sacramento by providing route continuity between I-5 and SR 99. In addition, this project will provide access to land currently targeted for development in the City and County General Plans. Traffic studies predict that this project will accommodate anticipated travel demand through the year 2025.

Construction of the I-5/Cosumnes River Boulevard interchange was originally identified in a study of the Route 148 corridor conducted by the Department in the early 1960s. On February 27, 1963, the Department adopted the Route 148 freeway corridor segment between I-5 and SR 99. In 1974, the Commission withdrew the freeway designation of Route 148 due to financial constraints.

In a memorandum dated July 1, 1974, the County of Sacramento's Department of Public Works recommended that the City of Sacramento maintain the adopted route as an east-west transportation

corridor that would be less than freeway status. The City of Sacramento then embarked on the necessary steps to begin preserving right-of-way within the Route 148 corridor.

On November 4, 1981, the Sacramento City Council certified an Environmental Impact Report for the Route 148 Arterial Plan and adopted the route alignment for the arterial. That approval allowed the City to begin reserving the right-of-way for the future development of Route 148 and to construct segments of the approved route as funds became available. After approval of the Route 148 Arterial Plan, the name of the proposed facility was changed to Cosumnes River Boulevard. The names Route 148 and Cosumnes River Boulevard are synonymous and refer to the same proposed facility within the city of Sacramento.

The City of Sacramento General Plan and the Sacramento Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan include the extension of Cosumnes River Boulevard westerly of Franklin Boulevard with an interchange at I-5. The I-5 Transportation Concept Report (April 1997) also includes the proposed interchange at Cosumnes River Boulevard.

The proposed improvements in the preferred alternative are accepted and supported by the community who recognize the need for safety and operational improvements within the project limits. Two public workshops were held on March 20, 2006 and March 23, 2006. All comments received were addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/EIR).

The Department approved the Project Report prepared by the City of Sacramento on December 20, 2007. The FEIS/EIR prepared by the City of Sacramento pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act was approved on October 5, 2007. A Record of Decision was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on January 15, 2008. There is also a concurrent action to approve the project for future consideration of funding.

The estimated construction cost for the interchange is \$36,000,000 and right of way costs are roughly \$6,000,000. The project is programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program and includes funds from the Regional Surface Transportation Program, Sales Tax Measure A, and local developer fees.

At the completion of the project, it is proposed that Cosumnes River Boulevard road extension be relinquished to the City of Sacramento.

A superseding freeway agreement was adopted by the City of Sacramento on February 17, 2009, and will be executed by the Department after Commission approval of the new connection.

Attachments

Resolution S-740

Location Map

Vicinity Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Authorizing a New Public Road Connection
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Resolution S-740

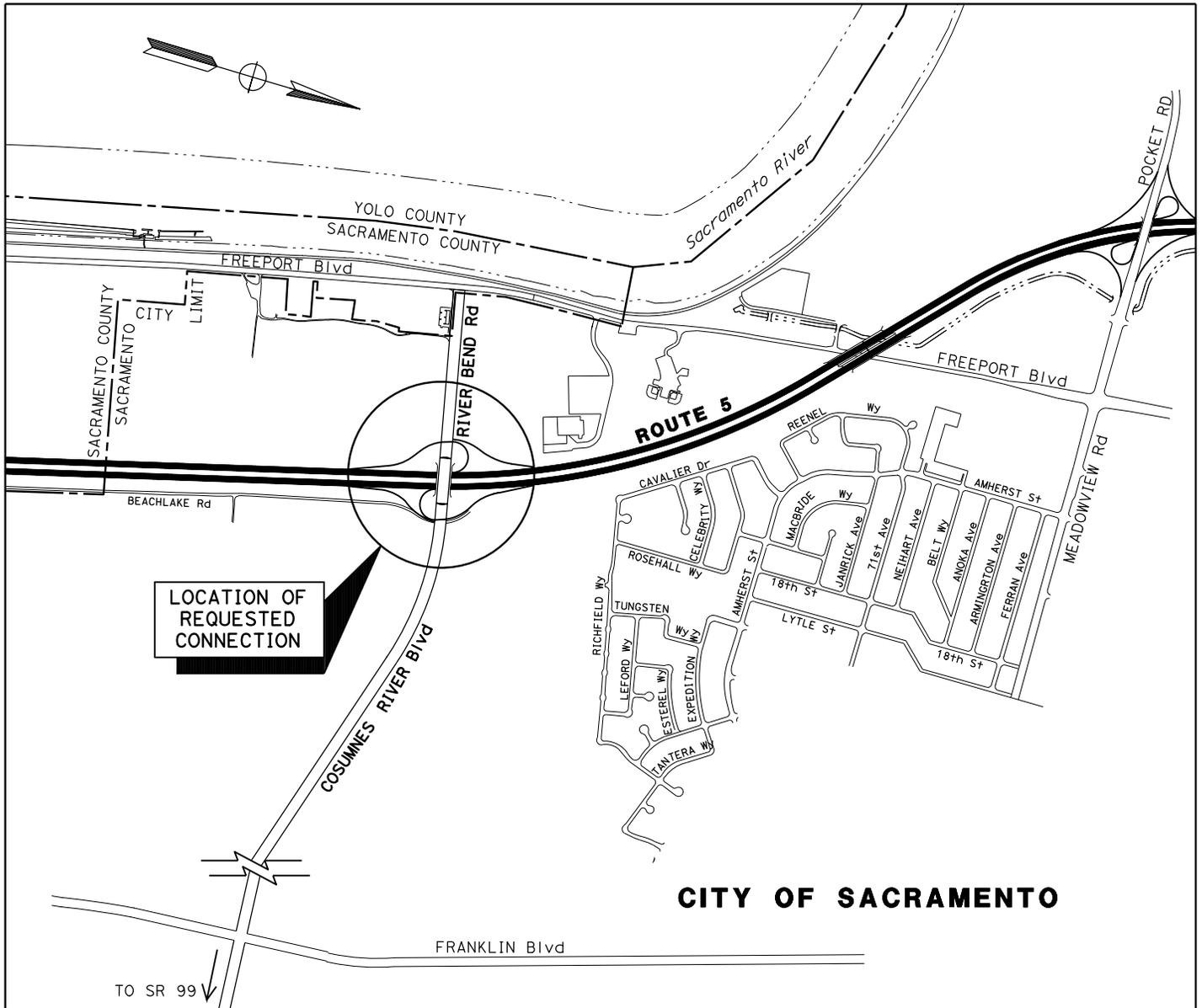
WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has requested approval of a new public road connection on Interstate 5 for Cosumnes River Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report was approved on October 5, 2007, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act; and

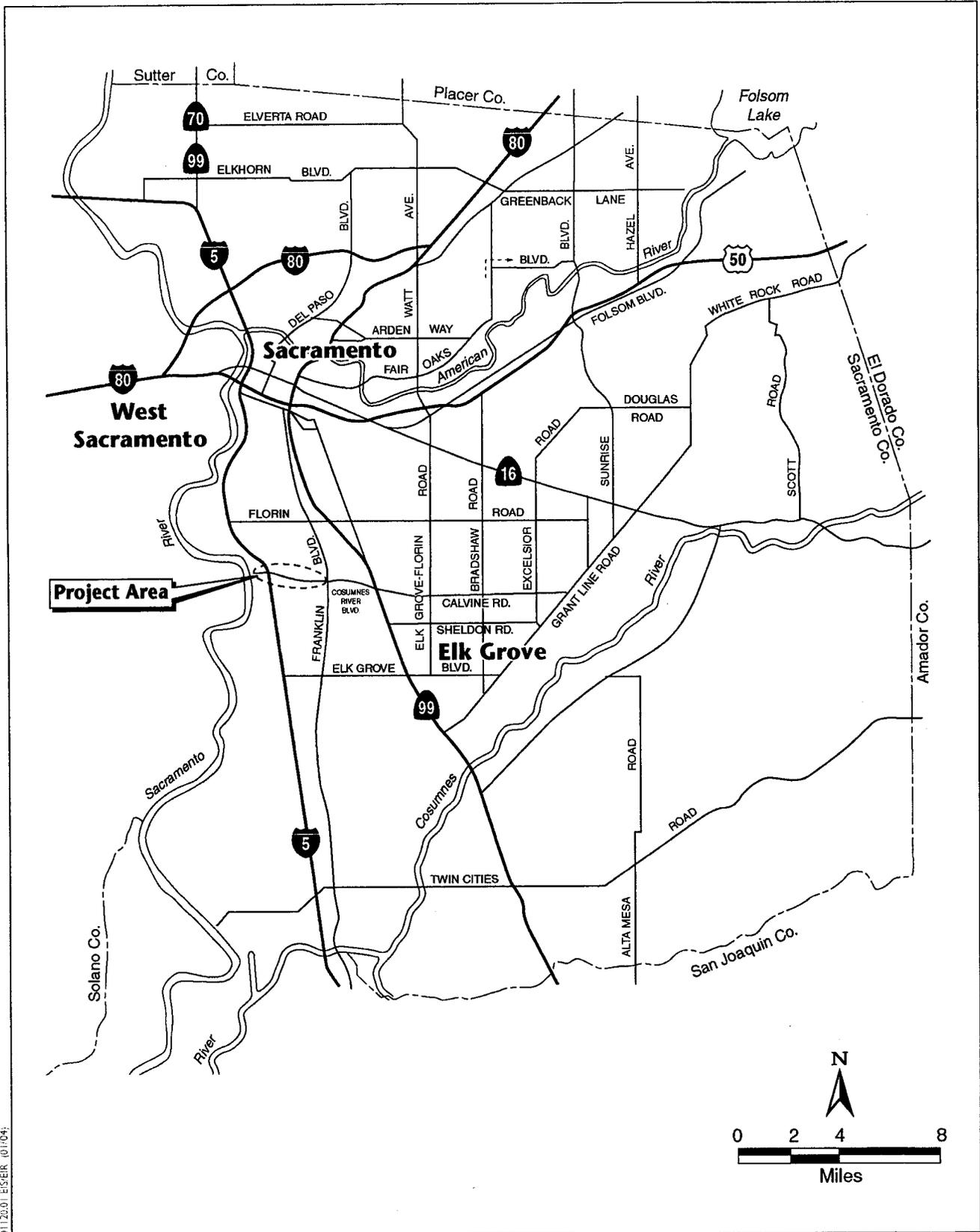
WHEREAS, the project will have impacts on the environment that will be mitigated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby authorize one new public road connection on Interstate 5 at Cosumnes River Boulevard, Post Mile 14.9, in the city of Sacramento.

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LOCATION MAP



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Vicinity Map
I-5/Cosumnes River Boulevard Interchange Project