



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
June 1, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Ahern Street Two-Way to One-Way Conversion

Location/Council District: Ahern Street between North 12th Street and 110' north of McCormack Avenue. Location map – Exhibit A of Resolution (District 1).

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** establishing Ahern Street between North 12th Street and 110' north of McCormack Avenue as a one way southbound street.

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Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Traffic Engineering

Organization No: 15001161

Description/Analysis

Issue: The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has contacted the City and Regional Transit (RT) and requested that roadway improvements be implemented at the North 12th Street/Ahern Street intersection in order to improve safety. City Council approval of the conversion of a segment of Ahern Street is necessary in order to implement the improvements and address the CPUC's concern.

Policy Considerations: The action requested herein is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals to achieve sustainability and enhance livability and expand economic development throughout the City.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Regional Transit will be implementing the improvements and have reviewed the proposed action and determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section 15301 (c) of the

CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempted under Class 1, Section 15301 (c), consist of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan. It is aimed at addressing the goals and targets set forth in the Transportation Infrastructure and Air Quality Focus Areas by improving transportation infrastructure.

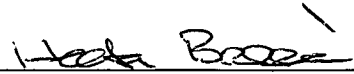
Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Converting a segment of Ahern Street, from North 12th Street to 110' north of McCormack Avenue will allow roadway improvements to be implemented thereby reducing potential conflicts with vehicles and light rail trains and addressing the intersection safety concerns of the CPUC. The improvements consist of implementing enhanced signing and striping to restrict "normal daily" traffic flow along northbound Ahern Street. However, it will allow emergency vehicle access to North 12th Street from Ahern Street as well as from Fire Station No. 14. The improvements will also consist of installing signal upgrades to enhance the visibility of the light rail warning lights that serve vehicles traveling on North 12th Street turning onto Ahern Street and emergency response vehicles using Ahern Street to access North 12th Street, striping and signing enhancements along North 12th Street will also be implemented.

Financial Considerations: Construction costs will be borne by Regional Transit. No City funds will be expended.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services will be procured by the City.

Respectfully Submitted by:



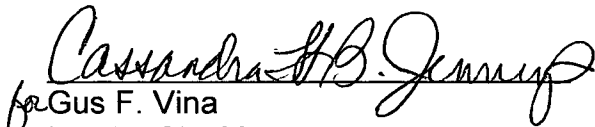
Hector Barron
City Traffic Engineer

Approved by:



Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:



for Gus F. Vina
Interim City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

In spring 2008, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) contacted the City and Regional Transit (RT) in regards to a vehicle/light rail train incident that occurred at the North 12th Street/Ahern Street intersection. CPUC staff performed an investigation of this incident as well as other incidents that have occurred since RT has used the intersection as a grade crossing. CPUC staff initially recommended that the intersection be closed for safety reasons, yet would allow the City and RT to further evaluate.

City staff coordinated with RT in order to respond to the CPUC's request. DOT staff also worked with Fire Department staff in order to evaluate their need for egress from Ahern Street for emergency response time to the North 12th Street/Ahern Street area. Intersection design recommendations were submitted to the CPUC in order to improve safety and address their concerns. One major element of the improvements would convert a portion of Ahern Street from two-way to one-way operations thereby reducing potential vehicle and light rail conflicts. RT also secured necessary funding in order to construct the improvements. Staff has also conducted outreach to adjacent property/business owners and the River District Board of Directors.

The proposed improvements consist of the following:

- Convert Ahern Street from North 12th Street to 110' north of McCormack Avenue from two way to one way southbound eliminating northbound egress
- Maintain northbound egress for emergency vehicles only
- Several parcels will only have right in/right out access due to Ahern Street circulation changes
- Additional signal heads will be installed at intersection to enhance visibility and provide indication that RT trains are present
- Install all necessary signing and striping including an "all way" stop controlled intersection at Ahern Street/McCormack Avenue

It is anticipated that upon Council approval, construction will commence in the summer of 2010.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AHERN STREET TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY STREET
CONVERSION**

BACKGROUND

- A. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has requested roadway improvements at the North 12th Street/Ahern Street intersection in order to improve safety.
- B. City and Regional Transit (RT) has prepared design plans to implement improvements to address CPUC's concern.
- C. Fire Department Staff has requested that emergency vehicle access only for north bound Ahern Street be continued in order to maintain emergency response time.
- D. RT will construct/facilitate proposed roadway improvements.

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

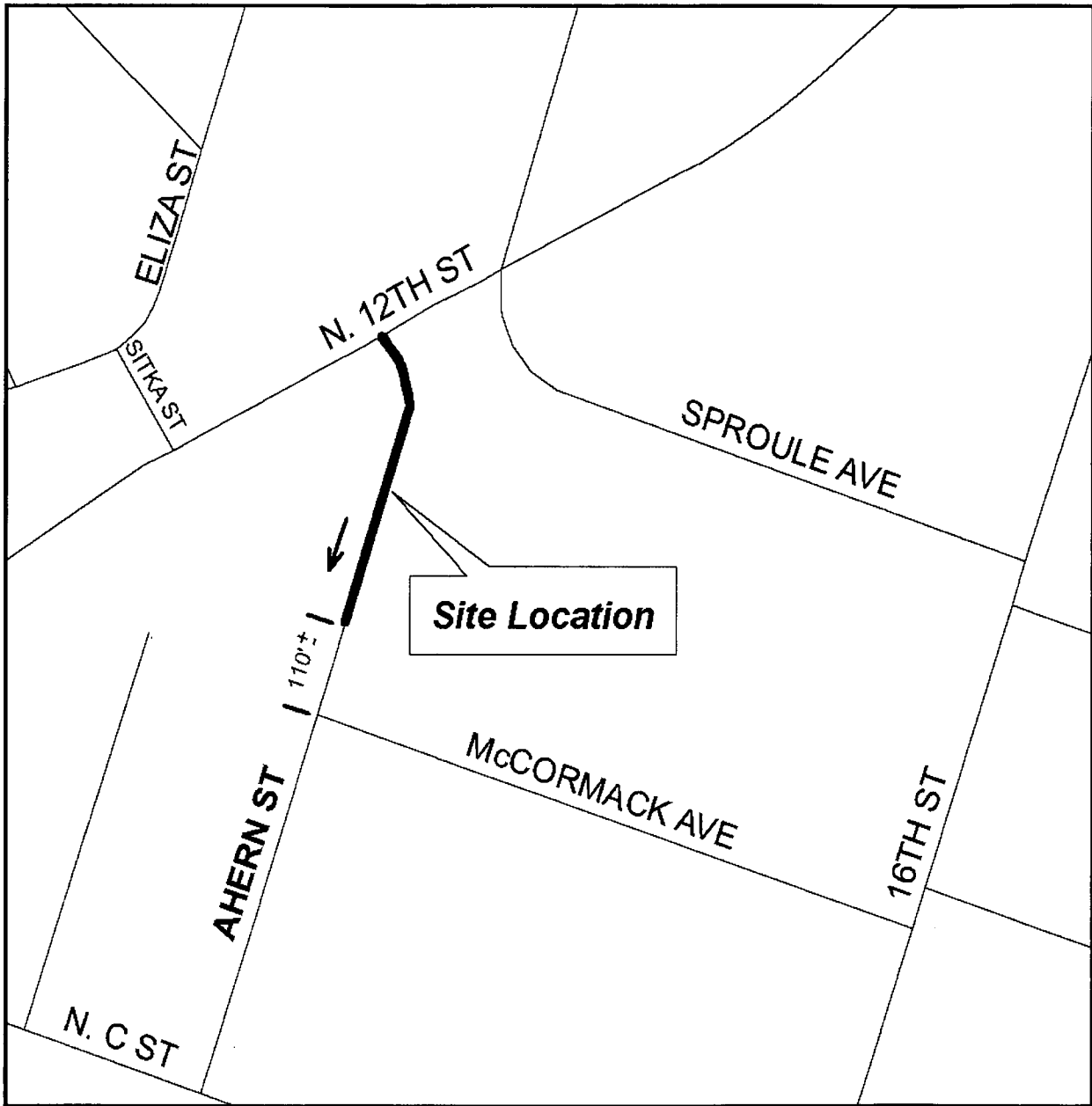
- Section 1. Upon completion of improvements, Ahern Street between North 12th Street and 110' north of McCormack Avenue shall be a one way southbound street.
- Section 2. Emergency vehicle access only shall be maintained in both directions for Ahern Street between North 12th Street and 110' north of McCormack Avenue.
- Section 3. Exhibit A is hereby incorporated into and is a part of this Resolution.

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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR
AHERN STREET
TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY CONVERSION
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Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: May 10, 2010

1 inch = 200 feet

