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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: HISTORIC TROLLEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

SUMMARY

The matter of further study of the Historic Trolley System has been left unresolved since late 1977. It has been requested that this matter be brought before the City Council to make a decision regarding the next steps, if any, in the process.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The consultant for the Historic Trolley Feasibility Study made a presentation late in 1977. The report contained a list of actions which could be initiated to progress toward implementation. The Council requested SRAPC to make an estimate of costs for the first five items on the list and to return with a proposal for accomplishing the work. A copy of page 144 from the consultant's report, which outlines the action items, is attached. In November of 1977, SRAPC sent a memo to the Council outlining methods to accomplish and fund the study. This memo was never acted upon.

Since that time, another study has been undertaken to consider removal or modification of various features on the K Street Mall. Also since that time, the I-80 Bypass Study has begun. It includes analysis of two trolley systems extending from the K Street Mall to the northeast area.

It has been the staff's position all along that the chances of obtaining outside funding for a Historic Trolley System are very slim. At best, we feel that any outside funding would require a very large local contribution. Most of the federal funding for projects of this sort has been for demonstration type systems and UMTA has already funded several such demonstrations. Prior to the passage of Proposition 13, there may have been some hope of finding local funds from sources such as tax increments. However, these funds have now been diminished to the point where approved projects must be dropped. Therefore, it is not likely any money can be found for the implementation of a trolley system.

FINANCIAL DATA

The SRAPC report, dated November 21, 1977 recommended that the City and Regional Transit each appropriate \$2,000 toward a \$10,000 study. SRAPC suggested that

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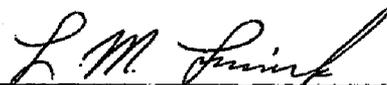
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they could modify their 1977-78 work program to include the other \$6,000 worth of effort.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council put aside further consideration of a historic trolley until the I-80 Bypass Study is complete and until some significant amount of outside funding for such a project becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recommendation Approved:



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City Manager

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Attachment

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