

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-844

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 21, 2006

DESIGNATING PORTIONS OF THE RAILYARDS AS A TRANSIT VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING THE RAILYARDS SPECIFIC PLAN AS THE RAILYARDS TRANSIT VILLAGE PLAN

BACKGROUND

- A. California's Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994 ("Act"), Government Code section 65460 et seq., was enacted to promote transit ridership within the state and to reduce vehicle traffic on highways. To achieve this goal, the Act allows cities to designate certain areas as transit village development districts and to adopt transit village plans for the districts. Cities establishing transit village development districts and adopting such plans are eligible for increased transportation funding and assistance from the Office of Permit Assistance to establish an expedited permit process.
- B. Government Code section 65460.4 states that Transit Village Development districts is limited to land within quarter mile of a transit station
- C. A transit village plan may be prepared for each transit village development district that the City designates. Section 65460.2 of the Government Code requires transit village plans to feature several characteristics, including: (a) a neighborhood centered around a transit station that is planned and designed so that residents, workers, shoppers, and others find it convenient and attractive to patronize transit; other land uses, including a retail district oriented to the transit station and civic uses; (b) pedestrian and bicycle access to the transit station; (c) a transit system that should encourage and facilitate intermodal service, and access by modes other than single occupant vehicles; and (d) at least five demonstrable public benefits beyond the increase in transit usage. Government Code section 65460.11 allows a city to declare an existing specific plan adopted prior to January 1, 2006 and that meets the requirements of section 65460.2, a transit village plan. The adopted Railyards Specific Plan meets these requirements
- D. The adopted Railyards Specific Plan meets five of the thirteen public benefit criteria identified in Government Code section 65460.2(f) in order to be designated as a transit village plan as follows: 1) relief of congestion, 2) improved air quality, 3) promotion of infill development, 4) pedestrian friendly environment around a transit station, and 5) increased sales and property taxes, including increased transit revenue yields, increased stock of affordable housing, redevelopment of depressed and marginal inner-city neighborhoods and promotion of infill development and preservation of natural resources, and promotion of a safe, attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment around transit stations
- E. The pending development proposal for the Railyards development area is centered on transit, and includes a new Intermodal Facility, improved rail and bus facilities, and

pedestrian-friendly thoroughfares. Adoption of the new plan, therefore, would be consistent with the designation of the Railyards area as a transit village development district.

- F. The adopted Railyards Specific Plan must be declared a transit village plan by December 31, 2006 in order to be eligible for current and future transportation funding.
- G. The adopted Railyards Specific Plan serving as the Railyards Transit Village Plan is consistent with the City's General Plan.
- H. In accordance with Government Code section 65460.11, a public notice was placed in the Daily Recorder a minimum of 10 days prior to the City Council public hearing date, November 21, 2006

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

- Section 1. In accordance with the California Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994, the City Council designates portions of the Railyards development area as a transit village development district, the boundaries of which are set forth in Exhibit A.
- Section 2. In accordance with the California Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994, the City Council declares that the existing Railyards Specific Plan adopted on December 13, 1994 (Resolution No. 94-736) meets the requirements of Government Code Section 65460.2, and therefore shall serve as the transit village plan for the newly established transit village development district at the Railyards.


Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on November 21, 2006 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Cohn, Fong, Hammond, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember McCarty.



Mayor, Heather Fargo

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

Exhibit A - Location Map

