



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
October 27, 2009

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** California Highway Patrol (CHP) Heliport Plan

**Location/Council District:** District 1, River District

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** approving plan for the establishment of a Heliport at CHP Headquarters at 601-C North 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Contact:** Rachel Hazlewood, Senior Project Manager, 808-8645; Stacia Cosgrove, Senior Planner, 808-7110

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Economic Development , Community Development

**Division:** Citywide

**Organization No:** 18001021

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The California Highway Patrol has requested the City approve the plan for the construction and operation of the heliport at the new headquarters of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), located at 601-C North 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the River District, pursuant to California Public Utilities Section 21661.5. As part of its headquarters consolidation, the CHP proposes to operate a rooftop heliport at this facility. The heliport will be used for approximately 50 takeoffs and landings annually; two-thirds of the time by the CHP and the remainder of the flights will be used by other allied public safety agencies during emergencies including the City of Sacramento Police and Fire Departments, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, and the Air National Guard.

The California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics (the Division), has permit authority over public use and special-use airports and heliports. As a State of California entity, the CHP is exempt from standard City permitting processes. However, the Division has determined that the Sacramento City Council must approve the heliport plan prior to its issuing the necessary operating permit.

The heliport has been planned as part of the CHP consolidation and an environmental document was prepared for the project. The Negative Declaration (ND) for the project found that no significant environmental impacts will occur.

**Policy Considerations:** None.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):**

An Initial Study and a Negative Declaration was prepared and filed for the Heliport project by PBS&J with CHP acting as the lead agency. The Heliport was found to create no significant impacts on the environment. The document was circulated widely; the only comment received was from Caltrans and was supportive of the project.

**Sustainability Considerations:** None.

**Other:** N/A

**Commission/Committee Action:** N/A

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Heliport will be used an estimated 50 times a year with no significant negative impacts on the environment. The Heliport will be available to allied agencies including the City of Sacramento's Police and Fire Departments. It will provide increased ability to respond quickly by local responders during emergencies.

On October 8, 2009, the Division inspected the heliport and determined the site meets or exceeds the minimum heliport standards specified by the State of California, Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics in its rules and regulations. The CHP received temporary clearance for a one-day authorization from the City and the Division to conduct tests of the heliport on October 10<sup>th</sup> with a Blackhawk helicopter. No complaints were received and the CHP received the necessary data for ongoing operations.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None.

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Economic Development Manager

Approved by: David Kwong  
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Planning Director

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Community Development Director

Recommendation Approved:

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City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVE PLAN FOR HELIPORT AT CHP HEADQUARTERS  
AT 601-C NORTH 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is consolidating its headquarters at 601 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the River District.
- B. As part of the consolidation, the CHP has proposed developing a rooftop heliport for CHP's use, which will operate an estimated 50 times a year. The CHP will also allow use of the heliport by its allied public safety agencies, including the City of Sacramento Police and Fire Departments.
- C. Under California Public Utilities Code Section 21661.5, the Sacramento City Council is required to approve the CHP heliport plan before the State of California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics can issue a permit. The Division of Aeronautics has permit authority over public use and special-use airports and heliports in California.
- D. A Negative Declaration was prepared for the CHP headquarters consolidation project and found that the heliport operation would not have a significant impact on the environment.

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

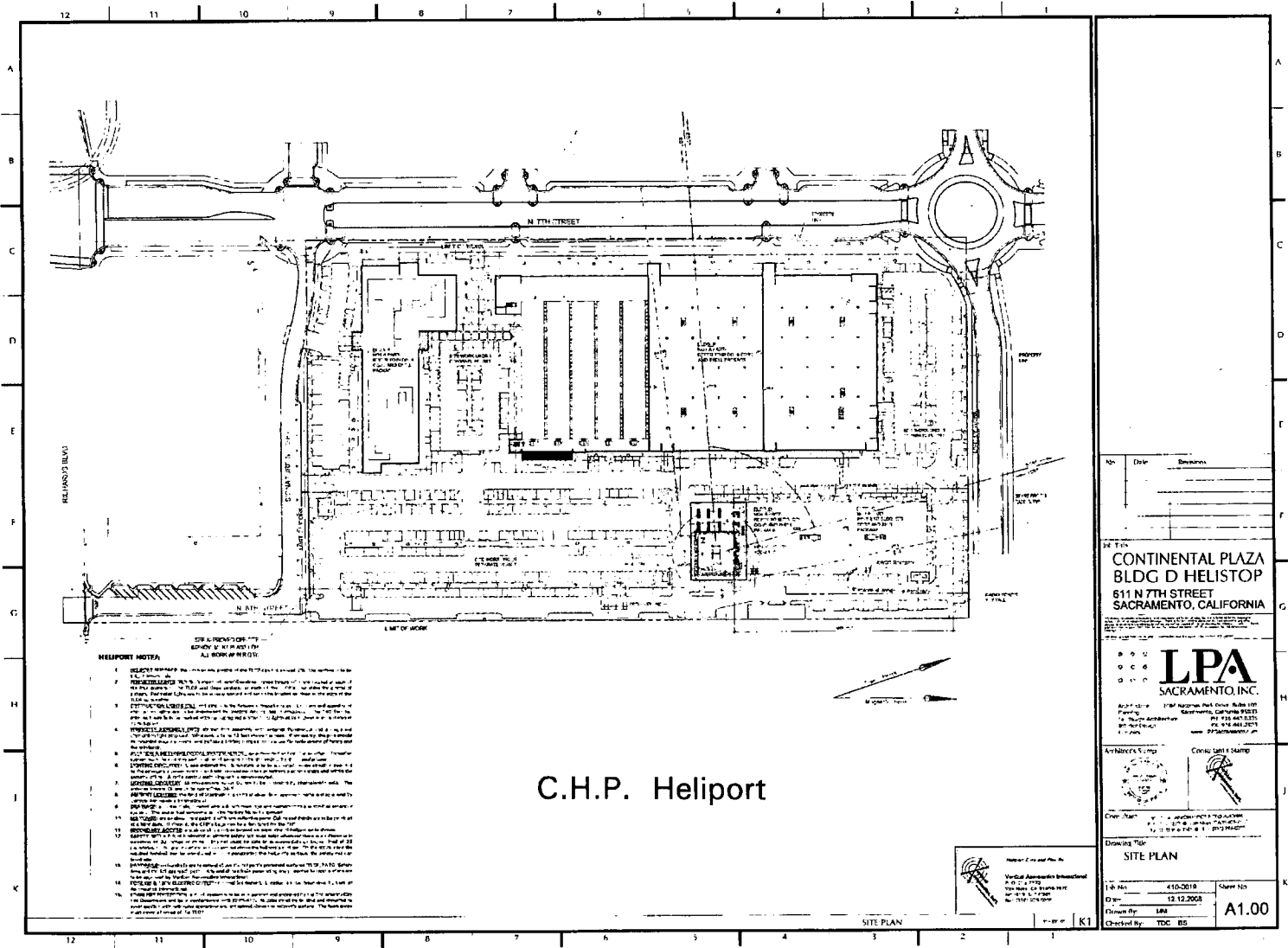
Section 1. The CHP heliport plan as shown in the attached Exhibit A is hereby approved as provided for under California Public Utilities Code Section 21661.5..

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Heliport Plan



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C.H.P. Heliport

No.	Date	Revisions
<p>CONTINENTAL PLAZA BLDG D HELISTOP 611 N 7TH STREET SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA</p>		
<p><b>LPA</b> SACRAMENTO, INC.</p>		
<p>Project: 410-0010 Client: California Highway Patrol Site: 611 N 7th Street, Sacramento, CA Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"</p>		
Architect's Stamp	Client's Stamp	
Drawn by: LPA	Checked by: TDC	Scale: A1.00
<p>DATE: 12.12.2008</p>		