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February 9, 1999

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL LEGISLATIVE RELINQUISHMENT OF STATE ROUTE 160 TO THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FROM CALTRANS**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

State Route 160 from Stonecrest Avenue to junction at Capital City Freeway. Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution which:

- Approves, in concept, the legislative relinquishment of State Route 160 (SR 160) from the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to the City of Sacramento;
- Authorizes City staff to coordinate with the State Legislature for legislative actions to enable the relinquishment process to proceed; and
- Authorizes City staff to negotiate with Caltrans for acquisition of SR 160 and directs staff to report back to the City Council when terms and costs are available.

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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** March 2, 1999

City Council

Conceptual Legislative Relinquishment of State Route 160

February 9, 1999

**SUMMARY:**

This report requests that the City Council approve in concept, the legislative relinquishment of SR 160 in the City limits (Stonecrest Avenue in the south to the junction at Capital City Freeway in the north) from the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to the City of Sacramento. Acquisition of SR 160 would provide the City with better access control, which could result in increased economic benefits and opportunities. City Council approval of this report initiates the administrative and legislative actions necessary for relinquishment of SR 160 to proceed. Approval of this report **does not** obligate, nor commit the City to any action regarding relinquishment. Staff will report back to the City Council as negotiations with Caltrans progress and an agreement is reached.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

State Route 160 (SR 160) is a Caltrans-owned highway primarily routed through City streets on Freeport Boulevard, Broadway, 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Street, F Street, and North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, then over the American River to join Capital City freeway. The limits of SR 160 considered for relinquishment totals 11.58 miles beginning at Stonecrest Avenue to the south and ending at the junction of the Capital City freeway to the north (See Attachment 1 for map).

Initial discussions with Caltrans indicate that both agencies find benefit in the relinquishment of SR 160 to the City. Caltrans has been eliminating secondary highways such as SR 160 that are surplus to the needs of the State. The City is interested in acquiring SR 160 to obtain increased economic benefits. Specifically, control of SR 160 would enable the City to:

- Improve lighting, median landscaping and street trees along some of the City's key routes;
- Provide driveways into new commercial and office development on the route;
- Permit needed improvement to 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 21<sup>st</sup> Street/Freeport Boulevard near the railroad tracks prior to operation of the south light rail line;
- Develop traffic mitigation for the Union Pacific railyards near Curtis Park; and
- Improve access in already developed areas (such as North Sacramento).

Several administrative actions are required for the relinquishment of state highways. City staff requests that the City Council approve the concept of legislative relinquishment of SR 160 from Caltrans to the City and allow staff to proceed with legislative action for acquisition of SR 160, including pursuing legislative sponsorship to introduce a bill for approval through the State Legislature. This legislative action initiates the relinquishment process but **does not** result in any financial or other obligation to the City.

City staff also requests City Council approval to negotiate with Caltrans for the terms and costs of acquiring SR 160. City and Caltrans staff will jointly review the existing condition of the street infrastructure and furniture (roadway, traffic signals, lighting, trees, median landscaping, signs, pavement markings, etc.), and identify any existing maintenance needs and costs to bring SR 160 to an agreed upon "state of good repair" prior to City acquisition. Typically, Caltrans will correct any deficiencies or provide funding to the City based on this "state of good repair," and will also fund ongoing maintenance for several years, as negotiated. City staff will report back to the City Council in the future when agreement on terms and costs has been reached with Caltrans.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Approval of the actions in this report will not result in any financial obligations to the City. Financial terms for relinquishment of SR 160 to the City need to be negotiated between the City and Caltrans and will be considered by the City Council at a later date.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The actions in this report are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

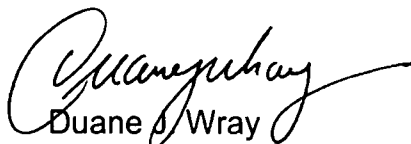
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Staff will need to compare the benefits to the City, if relinquishment occurs, to the lost maintenance funds received for the declassification of SR 160 as a state highway.

**MBE/WBE EFFORTS:**

Not applicable. No goods or services are being procured as a result of the actions in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Technical Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

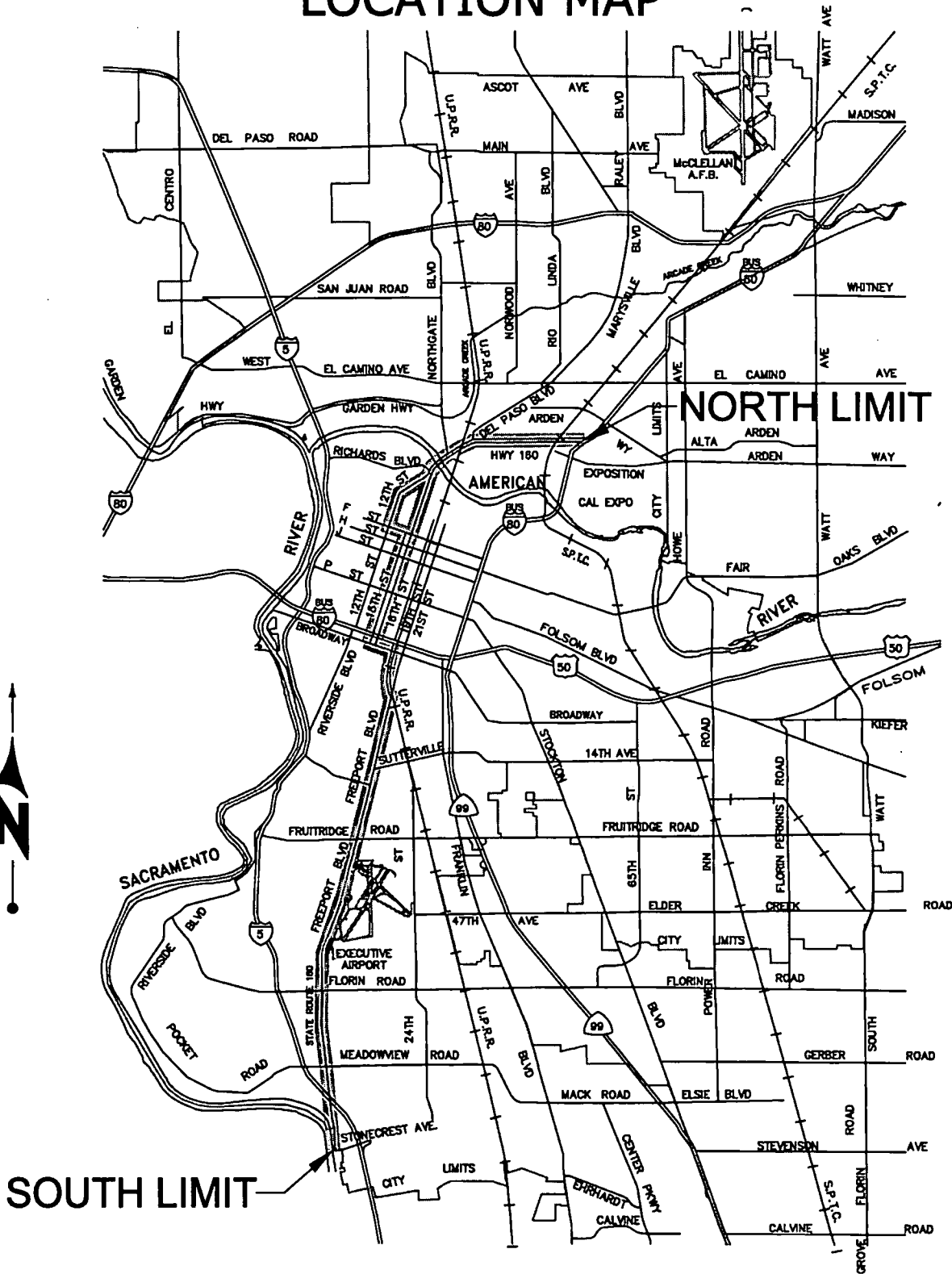
  
WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
City Manager

Approved:

  
Michael Kashiwagi  
Director of Public Works

# STATE ROUTE 160 Relinquishment to the City of Sacramento

## LOCATION MAP



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**RESOLUTION NO. 99-099**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION APPROVING IN CONCEPT THE RELINQUISHMENT  
OF STATE HIGHWAY 160 FROM CALTRANS TO THE CITY OF  
SACRAMENTO, AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS,  
AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS WITH CALTRANS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

1. That the legislative relinquishment of State Route 160 (Stonecrest Avenue to Capital City Freeway) from Caltrans to the City is hereby approved in concept;
2. That City staff is authorized to coordinate with the State Legislature for legislative actions to enable the relinquishment process to proceed; and
3. That City staff is authorized to negotiate with Caltrans for acquisition of SR 160 and directs staff to report back to the City Council when agreement on terms and costs is reached.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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