



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
February 13, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Approval of Federal Transportation Priorities for FY08 Appropriations

**Location/Council District:** Citywide – All Districts

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** directing staff to seek federal FY08 Transportation Appropriation Funding of \$4.46 million for the R Street Corridor Improvements.

**Contact:** Azadeh Doherty, Principal Planner, 808-3137

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Planning and Policy

**Organization No:** 3416

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The City of Sacramento's Federal Agenda is used to guide City Council in setting priorities for state and federal funding opportunities. There will be a transportation bill introduced in Congress in the February – March 2007 timeframe that will provide a funding opportunity for the transportation projects included in the Council approved Federal Agenda. Further funding is needed for the R Street Corridor Improvements Project. Staff recommends seeking federal FY08 Transportation Appropriation funding of \$4.46 million for the R Street Corridor Improvements Project as the City of Sacramento's first priority.


**Policy Considerations:** The actions contained in this report are consistent with Council policies of leveraging local funds with federal and state funds. The projects recommended for funding are consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan goal of expanding economic development throughout the City.

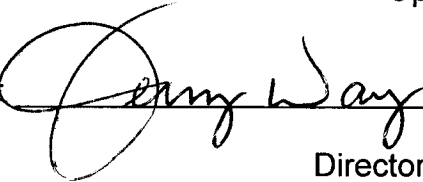
**Environmental Considerations:** This activity is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The activity involves no physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environments (CEQA Section 15061 (b)(3)).

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The construction of the first phase of the R Street Corridor Improvements Project (10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Streets) is advancing. The current cost estimate is at \$6.9 million. Although the project has secured \$2.44 million, an additional \$4.46 million is needed for its completion. The federal category of funding for projects like R Street is extremely competitive. However, recognizing the difficulty of funding, and based on discussions with the City's transportation lobbyist, it is believed that R Street is a very competitive project, hence it has an excellent chance of receiving a federal appropriation in FY 2008.

**Financial Considerations:** If the City of Sacramento is successful in obtaining appropriation funds, we will be required to provide up to a twenty percent local match. Staff will return at a later date to receive Council approval in appropriating the matching funds.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable as no goods or services are being procured.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Approved by:   
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Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
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City Manager

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## BACKGROUND

In FY 2007 the City made two appropriations requests. In priority order they were - \$3.0 million for transportation infrastructure of the I-5/Cosumnes Boulevard extension and Interchange Project and \$1.0 million for the next stage of the R Street Corridor Improvements. In a very competitive year, the House Transportation Appropriations sub-Committee allocated \$1.0 million for I-5/Cosumnes Boulevard project, but R Street project did not receive any funding.

Late last year, Congressional leaders decided to delay passage of the FY07 Transportation Appropriations bill and, as a result, the \$1 million allocation for the Cosumnes River Blvd. project was not approved. The City's transportation lobbyists believe there may be an opportunity to shape the FY07 Transportation Appropriation bill.

Due to ongoing federal concerns regarding flood control in Sacramento, it seems prudent at this time to withhold the request for the Cosumnes project and instead focus on the R Street project. The need has increased from last year which reflects the request for \$4.46 million. In FY04, the first phase of the project from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Streets received \$1.5 million in federal funding. Furthermore, the City has an opportunity to pursue state funding this year through proposition 1B for the Cosumnes Blvd. extension project.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FY08  
APPROPRIATIONS**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City of Sacramento's Federal Agenda is used to guide City Council in setting priorities for state and federal funding opportunities.
- B. There will be a transportation bill introduced in Congress in the February – March 2007 timeframe that will provide a funding opportunity for the transportation projects included in the Council approved Federal Agenda.
- C. Further funding is needed for the R Street Corridor Improvements Project.
- D. The construction of the first phase of the R Street Corridor Improvements Project (R Street Project) (10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Streets) is advancing. The current cost estimate is at \$6.9 Million. Although the project has secured funding in the amount of \$2.44 Million, an additional \$4.46 Million is needed for its completion. The federal category of funding for projects like the R Street Project is extremely competitive. However, the R Street Project is a very competitive project, hence it has an excellent chance of receiving a federal appropriation in FY 2008.

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

- Section 1. Staff is directed to seek federal FY08 Transportation Appropriation funding of \$4.46 million for the R Street Corridor Improvements Project as the City of Sacramento's first priority.

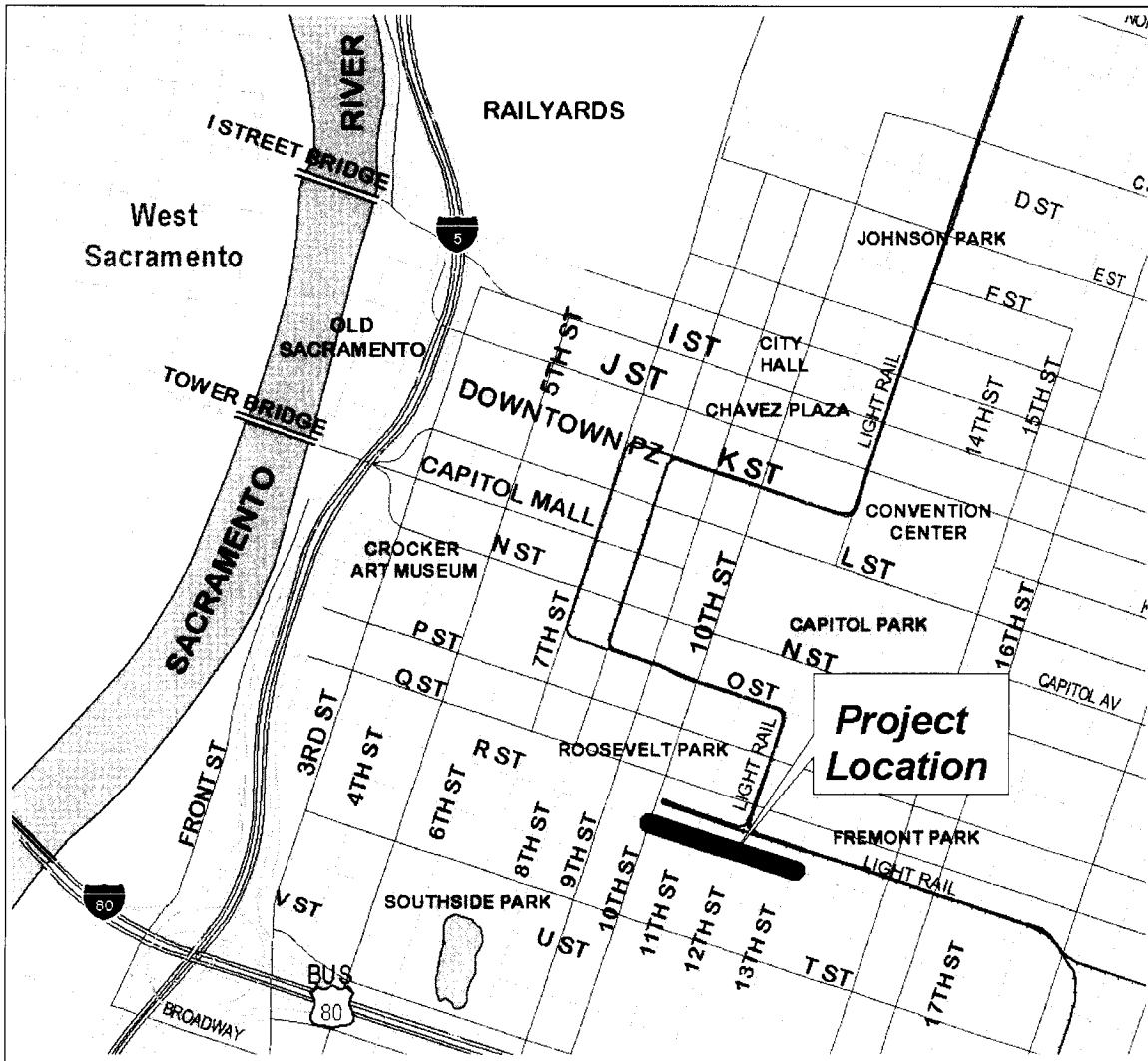
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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for

R Street Improvements



Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
City of Sacramento

Map Contact: S. Tobin  
Map Date: Jan, 2006

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