

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-915**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 11, 2007

### **UPDATING THE RICHARDS BOULEVARD AREA PLAN FACILITY ELEMENT TO ADDRESS 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET OPERATIONS WITHIN THE RAILYARDS SPECIFIC PLAN AREA**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The Richards Boulevard Area Plan was adopted on December 13, 1994 in conjunction with the adoption of the 1994 Railyards Specific Plan, because both plans were developed concurrently (i.e., the "Roma Plan").
- B. The Facility Element of the Richards Boulevard Area Plan and the Railyards Specific Plan (Facility Element) was also adopted on December 13, 1994, and subsequently amended on November 26, 1997.
- C. The Facility Element indicated that 7<sup>th</sup> Street would be extended from D Street to Richards Boulevard as a two-way, four lane arterial and with the light rail alignment, which is now referred to as the Downtown-Natomas-Airport (DNA) light rail line extension.
- D. The Facility Element indicated that 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets would be extended from H Street to Richards Boulevard as a one-way north (5<sup>th</sup> Street) and one-way south (6<sup>th</sup> Street) couplet, and sized between three and five lanes.
- E. The Facility Element also planned on conversion of Richards Boulevard and Bannon Street from two-way operation to one-way couplets, with five lanes along Richards Boulevard and Bannon Street and Richards Boulevard operating one-way from east to west.
- F. The Facility Element presumed that the location of the Intermodal Facility would be at 7<sup>th</sup> and North B Streets, and that the light rail station would be located between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets along Richards Boulevard.
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- G. The Facility Element was recently amended with the approval of the Township 9 project, located between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets north of Richards Boulevard, to revise the Circulation Plan by redesignating 7<sup>th</sup> Street from four lanes to two lanes north of Richards Boulevard, and to relocate the light rail station to between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets along Richards Boulevard.
- H. The Facility Element is being amended with the adoption of the new Railyards Specific Plan to revise the Circulation Plan to incorporate the street network changes, including conversion of 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets from two-way to one-way operations after the Initial Phase, and to relocate the Intermodal Facility to 5<sup>th</sup> and I Streets.
- I. The City plans to update the Facility Element during the next year to address changes to the Circulation Plan. The street network which serves the area within the Richards Boulevard Area Plan (the "River District") is to be reevaluated so that it is designed to be more pedestrian friendly as this area converts from an industrial area to a mixed use residential and commercial community.
- J. As part of the Facility Element update, the circulation system within the River District will be evaluated in conjunction with the Railyards Specific Plan street network and to reflect the current DNA alignment along 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Richards Boulevard.
- K. During its review of the Railyards Specific Plan, the Planning Commission questioned the conversion of 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets to one-way operation after the Initial Phase based on their belief that two-way streets are more pedestrian friendly and appropriate for mixed use neighborhoods.

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

- Section 1. The City Council hereby directs staff to proceed in updating the Facility Element and the Richards Boulevard Area Plan and to commence that effort by March of 2008 and to complete the work within 18 months. Council also directs staff that in preparing the transportation and environmental studies for this update, the conversion of 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets from two-way to one-way operation after the Initial Phase of the Railyards Specific Plan be reevaluated and that the studies allow for the possibility of amending the Railyards Specific Plan to change these two street operations and the corresponding rights of way.

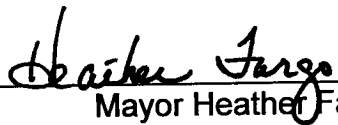
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 11, 2007 by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

  
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Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:

  
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Shirley Concolino, City Clerk