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Transportation and Community Development Committee
Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: The Proposed Elvas-Richards Connector -- Preparation of a Feasibility
Study and EIR, and Consultant Selection

SUMMARY

The Elvas-Richards Connection is an identified transportation corridor in the Central City Community Plan. A property owner located in the corridor wishes to develop. Limited access to the property required the developer to consider a new interchange on Business 80 and a connection to Elvas Avenue. To properly locate these facilities with future extension in mind, staff recommends that the entire Elvas-Richards alignment be identified at this time.

BACKGROUND

The 1980 Central City Community Plan designated, "the connection of Richards Boulevard and Elvas Avenue as a potential transportation corridor that may be considered in the future for various modes of travel". The concept of an Elvas-Richards Connector would be to connect 65th Street at U.S. 50 to I-5 at Richards Boulevard by constructing a new roadway between the Elvas and C Street intersection and the Richards and S.R. 160 intersection, thereby connecting the existing Elvas and Richards roadways. New interchanges at S.R. 160 and at Business 80, as well as reconstruction of the Elvas Avenue and 56th Street intersection, would be required. The City Council has previously requested the new interchanges through the RTIP process.

The owner of the 48 vacant acres, M-2 zoned parcel bounded by Business 80 and the S.P.R.R. has limited existing access. Access to this parcel is available from 28th Street via the A Street Bridge over Business 80. Development of this parcel using the existing access could adversely impact the Stanford Park neighborhood. The property owner commissioned a traffic study to assess alternative access for the parcel. The study concluded that a new interchange at Elvas-Richards and Business 80 would provide primary access to the property

as well as provide additional access to Central City and East Sacramento Community Plan areas. In addition, the study found a substantial redistribution of traffic resulting in improvements to areawide circulation.

As the result of this preliminary study, the property owner requested the City to start the next step, which is to prepare a detailed feasibility and environmental assessment. Since the preliminary study indicated improved areawide circulation, staff proposes to retain a consultant team to prepare a feasibility and environmental assessment for the proposed Elvas-Richards Connector. This study would assess potential impacts to include, but not be limited to: traffic and circulation; land use; air; noise; water quality; public services; aesthetics; and a cost/revenue analysis. The selected consultant would be responsible for organizing public hearings that would:

1. Assist in scoping of the environmental concerns;
2. Explain the Draft EIR;
3. Explain the Final EIR.

The public hearings would be held in East Sacramento, the Stanford/Grant Park neighborhood of the Central City, and in the Richards Boulevard area.

The proposed study of the Elvas-Richards Connector is not in the Department of Public Works' program, however, the potential benefit of improved areawide circulation, as indicated by the preliminary traffic study, and the willingness of a property owner to financially assist in the preparation of a feasibility study and EIR, warrants the City's consideration of preparing the study at this time.

Attached for the Committee's information is a letter from the property owner with a vicinity map of the connector route (Exhibit A) and a copy of the Council's previous action pertaining to the proposed interchanges (Exhibit B).

Staff proposes that the consultant selection committee should consist of the Councilmembers whose districts the proposed connector would traverse (Councilmember Pope and Councilmember Shore), a City Planning Commissioner, the City Public Works Director, and the City Planning Director.

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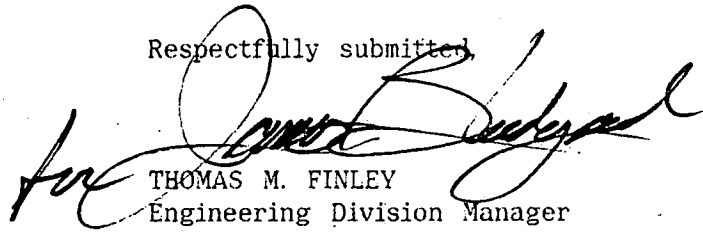
Once the consultant is selected, staff will recommend to Council a budget allocation. At this time, staff estimates the feasibility study and EIR will cost approximately \$60,000. The interested property owner has indicated a willingness to contribute a portion of the study cost.

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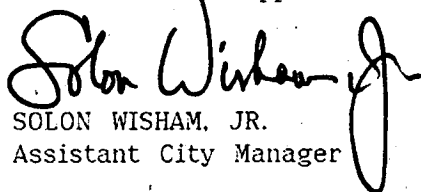
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that staff return to the Budget and Finance Committee with a consultant recommendation and a project budget once the Requests for Proposals have been reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

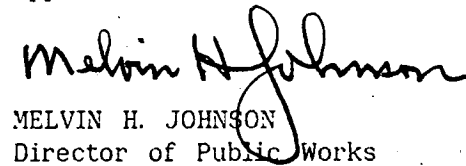

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September 15, 1986

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RE; ELVAS/RICHARDS CONNECTOR AND BUSINESS 80 INTERCHANGE

Dear Mr. ~~Slipe~~ ^{Walt}:

This office represents Jim and Sue Lennane in their efforts to develop their property for office/industrial use. The location of the proposed property is indicated on the attached map. (Attachment A).

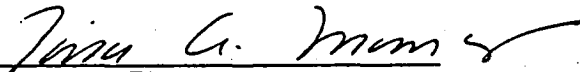
In September, 1985, OMNI-MEANS was commissioned to conduct a traffic analysis on the feasibility of an Elvas/Richards Connector and Business 80 Interchange. In June of this year, the study was completed and concluded that such improvements would be extremely beneficial to the City's downtown and East Sacramento circulation and to the Lennane office/industrial project. As we have discussed, given the high visibility of the site, my client is committed to construct a quality project that would be beneficial to the site and to the City. In addition, quality access to the project that would not impact existing neighborhood areas, such as the 28th Street neighborhood is equally important. Consequently, the Business 80 interchange and Elvas/Richards connection is extremely important to all parties involved.

This letter is to formally request the City to commence feasibility reports and environmental review. Since the feasibility reports and environmental review will benefit our project, Mr. Lennane, my client, is willing to fund a portion of those studies.

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I will be in contact with you to establish a date and time for a meeting to discuss expediting this process. We look forward to working with you on these issues.

Very Truly Yours,
REMY AND THOMAS

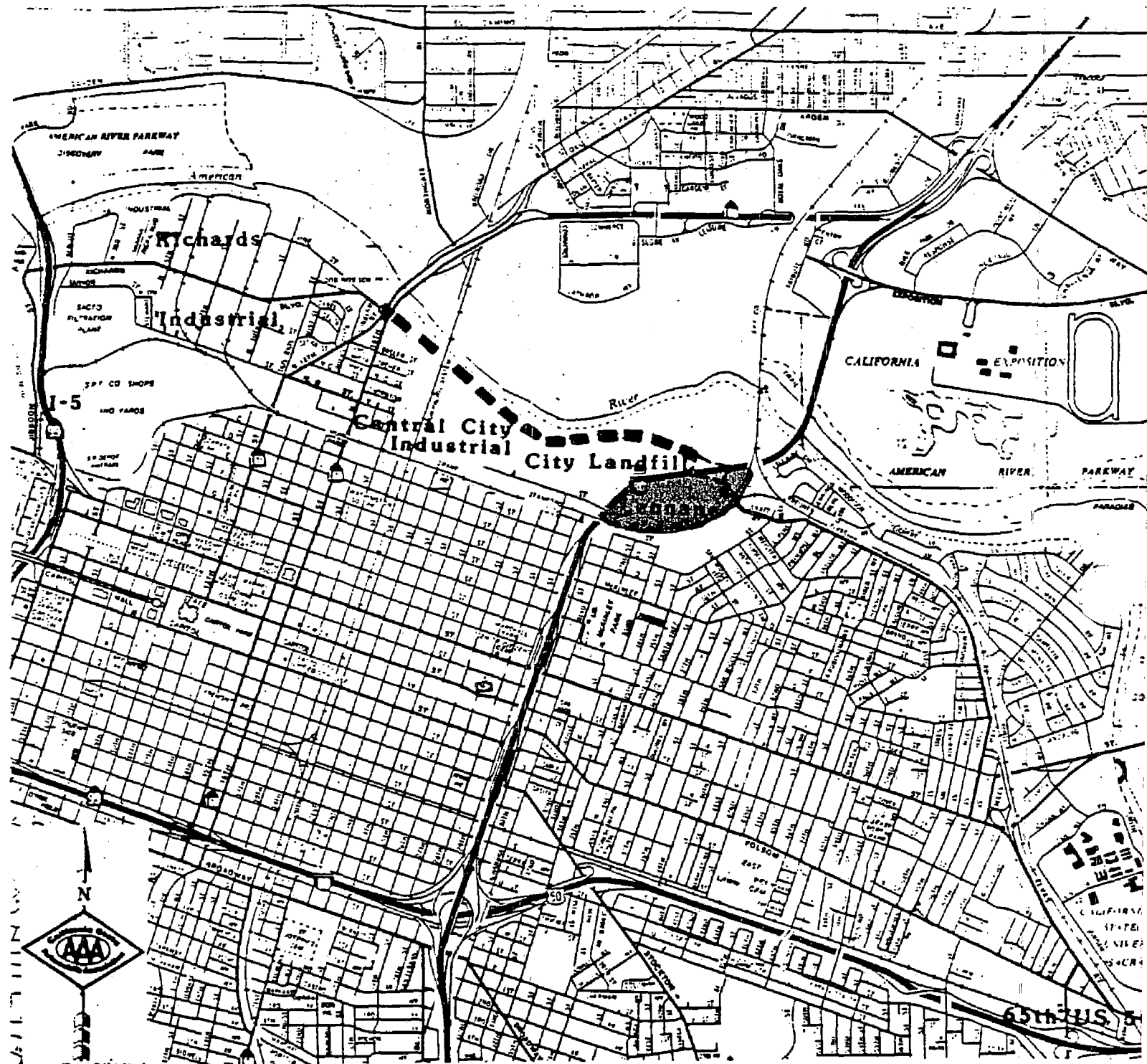

Tina A. Thomas

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cc: Jim Lennane
Sue Lennane

Attachment

ATTACHMENT A



PROPOSED ELVAS/RICHARDS CONNECTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 86-095

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

FEB 04 1986

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING CITY OF SACRAMENTO 1986 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
recommends the following priority for the interstate and non-interstate
1986 Regional Transportation Improvement Program:

INTERSTATE

1. I-5 and North Market Boulevard Interchange
2. I-80 and Norwood Avenue On/Off Ramp Signals
3. I-5 and S Street Partial Interchange
4. I-5 from Garden Highway to I-80 - Highway Planting
5. I-80 from I-5 to 0.2 Miles East of Winters Street -
Highway Planting

NON-INTERSTATE

1. Exposition Boulevard to S.R. 160 Connection
- * 2. Elvas-Richards and Business 80 Interchange
3. Exposition Boulevard to Eastbound Business 80 On Ramps
- * 4. S.R. 160 and Richards Boulevard Interchange
5. U.S. 50 Sound Walls
6. Business 80 near River Park (S.R. 51 2.4/2.6) Soundwalls
7. U.S. 50 Westbound Sidewalk on H Street Bridge
8. S.R. 99 at Mack Road - Signalization and Landscaping

ANNE RUDIN

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANICE BEAMAN
CITY CLERK

CERTIFIED AS TRUE COPY
of Resolution No. 86-095

FEB 10 1986

DATE CERTIFIED
Janice Beaman
Deputy CITY CLERK, CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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