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City Council  
Sacramento, CA

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT

Funding of Light Rail Line Feasibility Study

SUMMARY

The County, in cooperation with the City, State, and SRAPC, has undertaken a County-wide transportation study. One of the major items of the study is a light rail line in the Folsom/US-50 Corridor. The state has made an offer of financial assistance to the City for the study of such a rail line. It is recommended that the offer be accepted and the staff be instructed to meet with the State along with other local agencies to identify sources of funds and amounts of state assistance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mayor Isenberg and Vice-Mayor Connelly met with Ms. Adriana Gianturco in July to discuss possible State funding for further study on the downtown historic trolley proposal. On August 3, 1978, Ms. Gianturco sent a letter to the Mayor indicating a willingness to discuss funding for a study of a light rail system to relieve community-wide transportation problems. A line running from downtown to California State University, Sacramento, and beyond, was mentioned.

On September 6, 1978, the Caltrans staff attempted to have the I-80 Bypass Steering Committee include such a light rail line in the I-80 Bypass Corridor Study. This proposal was rejected since two light rail lines are already included, a County study is already underway, and the specific proposal would unduly expand the I-80 Corridor Study.

On September 18, 1978, the City Manager and Vice-Mayor Connelly met with Caltrans headquarters staff to further discuss the August 3, 1978 letter from Ms. Gianturco. The offer of financial assistance for a community-wide study was reiterated. It was also pointed out that SRAPC must be notified. Whether letter from Ms. Gianturco is forthcoming and will be

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attached to this report if it arrives in time.

Meanwhile, the County Transportation Study has advanced to the stage where a draft work program has been prepared for the study of a light rail line in the Folsom/US-50 Corridor. This is basically the same light rail line referred to by the State. Additionally, the County study is a cooperative effort by the County and SRAPC and includes input from the City and State. A report was submitted to the City Council on January 3, 1978, explaining the study and our involvement.

The draft work program for the Folsom/US-50 light rail line study describes all of the elements to be included in the study. The staffing, funding, and time schedules for the effort have not been detailed and meaningful discussions with the State regarding funding would be welcomed as an aid to wrapping up this phase of the work. For example, it has been determined that the State should provide the computer projections of patronage. This work is estimated to cost \$6,000, and until now, the State has indicated they will do it if the County will agree to pay. This could be one of several areas of financial contribution from the State.

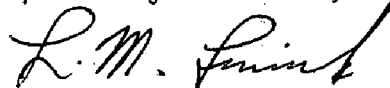
#### FINANCIAL DATA

The County is already committed to a study of a light rail line in the Folsom/US-50 Corridor. SRAPC has included this in their work program and has already contributed staff time. Additionally, the City, State, and SRAPC staffs are cooperating with the County on this study. Any financial assistance from the State will make it possible to do a more meaningful and comprehensive study. It will also aid in the effort to complete this study within the same time frame as the I-80 Bypass Study.

#### RECOMMENDATION

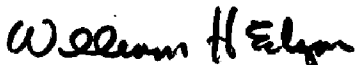
It is recommended that the City accept the State's offer of financial aid on behalf of all local agencies. It is further recommended that the City, County, and SRAPC staff meet with the State to identify funding sources and determine the details of State financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



fw Walter J. Slife, City Manager

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October 4, 1978  
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