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

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: **NOMINATION OF CITY SPONSORED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO THE 1992 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP)**

SUMMARY

The Public Works Department has submitted to the Sacramento County Congestion Management Agency three projects for inclusion into the 1991 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of the Congestion Management Plan (CMP). These projects, as part of the CMP review process, will be analyzed for inclusion into the 1992 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

As previously identified by memo (May 10, 1991) to the Mayor and City Councilmembers, the three projects which have been submitted are:

1. Exposition Boulevard extension from SR 160 to Business 80 (TG61) -- Construct new four lane roadway from Business 80 to SR 160, construct new interchange on SR 160 and construct grade separation for Southern Pacific railway lines.
2. Modifications to the I-5 and J Street off-ramps to provide additional ramp storage capacity and improve operational capability.
3. Arden Way (TA81) -- Construct new bridge over the East Main Drain to connect Arden Way with the Garden Highway.

This report recommends that the Joint Committee concur with the submission of these three projects and recommend the adoption of the attached resolution by the full City Council.

BACKGROUND

In prior years before the congestion management legislation, projects which were programmed to be in the RTIP were nominated directly to SACOG after approval by the City Council. With passage of the congestion management legislation (AB 471) the process for submitting projects to the RTIP has changed.

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The congestion management legislation requires that all counties having an urbanized population designate a congestion management agency whose task it is to prepare that county's CMP. In August 1990, the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) was designated as the congestion management agency for Sacramento County. A five-member team was created to be responsible for preparation of the plan. This team consists of representatives from Caltrans, Regional Transit, the County, the City of Sacramento, and the STA. The team has been working essentially full-time on the CMP since October 1990. The draft CMP was approved by the STA Board on May 13, 1991 and will undergo a two-month environmental process before public hearings begin in July 1991. It is anticipated that the STA Board will adopt the full CMP after the public hearings on or about August 15, 1991. While the STA did approve the CMP, there is still time for modification prior to final adoption in August.

One of the elements of the CMP is the Capital Improvement Program. The CMP legislation stipulates three criteria for project selection into the capital improvement program (CIP) element of the CMP. These are as follows:

- To maintain or improve the traffic level of service and transit performance standards.
- To mitigate regional transportation impacts identified through the land use analysis element.
- Projects must conform to transportation related vehicle emissions air quality mitigation.

Early in the process, the STA Board approved a system of highways, arterials, and regional transit rail lines as the CMP transportation system. Once the transportation system was approved by the STA Board, each agency or entity within Sacramento County was contacted to request their respective projects which would satisfy one of the above three criteria. Meetings were held with those agencies which might have potential projects to discuss, first of all, the suitability of the proposed project, and, if found suitable, the type of information required to be submitted.

It is significant to note that with the new CMP legislation, the process for submitting projects to SACOG for potential inclusion into the RTIP and eventually the STIP has radically changed. Projects which are to be nominated into the RTIP must now first be included in a CMP prior to their inclusion into the RTIP. Additionally, the very tight time frame for the preparation of this first year CMP required that potential projects for the RTIP be submitted to the CMP team much earlier than in previous years.

Because of this tight time frame, the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with staff from other City departments, submitted the following three projects to the Sacramento County Congestion Management Agency for consideration for inclusion into the CIP element of the CMP. These projects will improve the traffic level of service on portions of the CMP transportation system within the City and also meet the guidelines for potential funding from the Flexible Congestion Relief Program.

<u>Route</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Program Costs (Estimate)</u>
Exposition Boulevard	Construct new four-lane roadway from Business 80 to SR 160; construct new interchange on SR 160; construct grade separation for SPRR railway lines.	\$14 Million
Arden Way	Construct new bridge and additional roadway over the East Main Drainage Canal to connect Arden Way with the Garden Highway.	\$16 Million
I-5	I-5 Interchange at J Street, add additional capacity to the northbound off-ramp.	\$10 Million

These projects meet the CMP's CIP criteria of maintaining or improving the traffic levels of service on the portion of the CMP transportation system within the City limits. Other entities submitted projects intended to maintain the traffic levels of service on other portions of the transportation system, and the transit standards developed in the CMP.

FINANCIAL DATA

The City currently has \$50,000 budgeted for the Exposition Boulevard Extension project (TG61); additional funding of \$157,000 and \$413,000 for the next two years is included in the City's 1991/96 proposed CIP (page 148). There is currently \$850,000 budgeted for the Arden Garden Connector project (TA81); additional funding of \$472,000 and \$1,378,000 for the next two fiscal years is included in the proposal CIP (page 141). No funds are currently budgeted for the I-5 and J Street off ramps project.

If the projects are approved as part of the 1991 CMP and the 1992 RTIP, adjustments in the City's CIP program will be recommended to reflect funding to be received from the State and Federal governments. Funding amounts are unknown at this time.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed projects are designed to reduce or avoid congestion on existing routes of the transportation system, and are also eligible for funding under the Flexible Congestion Relief Program. During the review process of the CMP CIP, the above projects were deemed by air quality staff to be consistent with the goals and policies of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District attainment plan in that they either provide connections to existing roads or relieve existing congestion. None of these projects encourage development in new areas, but rather encourage infill development within existing neighborhoods.

The Exposition Boulevard and Arden Way projects are included in the City's current General Plan and the current 5-year Capital Improvement Program, which makes them consistent with current City policy. The I-5 Interchange project is also shown on the circulation element of the current General Plan.

Although a part of the State Highway System, the I-5 Interchange at J Street is within the City of Sacramento. Under the current procedures Caltrans does not directly nominate projects to be included in the RTIP. However, the I-5 Interchange project at J Street is consistent with the goals and policies of Caltrans, and has their support. This project is also included in the 1992 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) list of projects currently being prepared by SACOG, and is therefore consistent with the goals and policies of that plan.

MBE/WBE EFFORTS

Not applicable as a result of this action.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Joint Committee concur with the submission of the three identified projects to the Sacramento County Congestion Management Agency for inclusion in the CMP's CIP and recommend the adoption of the attached resolution by the full City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING CITY OF SACRAMENTO 1992 NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

Recommends the following projects to be included in the 1992 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP):

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I-5	I-5 Interchange at J Street, add additional capacity to the northbound off-ramp.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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