



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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**CONSENT**  
**May 1, 2007**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Agreement: Freeport Boulevard/21<sup>ST</sup> Street Two-Way Conversion Project  
(PN: SL01)**

**Location/Council District:** Freeport Boulevard – Broadway to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street – W Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Location map - Exhibit A of Resolution.  
(Districts 4 and 5)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** approving a Public Road Crossing Improvements Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for the Freeport Boulevard/21<sup>st</sup> Street Two-Way Conversion Project in an amount not to exceed \$183,252.

**Contact:** Nader Kamal, Special Projects Engineer, 808-7035; Jon Blank, Supervising Engineer, 808-7914

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Department of Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services Division

**Organization No:** 3434

**Description/Analysis:**

**Issue:** Approval of the Public Road Crossing Improvements Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad in the amount of \$183,252 is required to construct the proposed improvements.

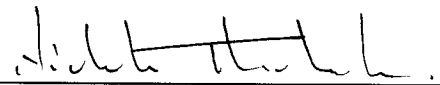
**Policy Considerations:** The action requested herein is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan to improve and expand public safety.

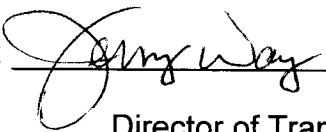
**Environmental Considerations:** An Environmental Impact Report for the project was certified by City Council on October 14, 2004.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Approval of the Public Road Crossing Improvements Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad in the amount of \$183,252 is required to construct the project.

**Financial Considerations:** As of March 29, 2007, the Freeport Boulevard/21<sup>st</sup> Street Two-Way Conversion Project (PN: SL01) has an unobligated balance of \$2,043,345 which is sufficient to execute the agreement with Union Pacific Railroad in the amount of \$183,252.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Nicholas Theocharides  
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

*for*   
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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## ATTACHMENT 1

### Background Information:

In 1998, a conversion study was performed when Freeport Boulevard (SR160) was under Caltrans jurisdiction. Further work on the project was put on hold until the relinquishment of Freeport Boulevard from Caltrans to the City was completed. Upon roadway relinquishment to the City in August 2001, staff began evaluating the feasibility of converting Freeport Boulevard from Vallejo Way to W Street, and 21<sup>st</sup> Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to W Street from one-way to two-way streets.

In January 2002, a traffic consultant was retained to begin work on this project. A community work group was formed to review the prior study, provide input to items that needed to be reevaluated and added to improve safety, enhance area circulation and neighborhood access. Community meetings were held in July 2002 and November 2002 to inform the community of the project and gather input and comments on the various alternatives being considered.

In April 2003, City Council directed staff to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for a preferred project alternative for Freeport Boulevard and 21<sup>st</sup> Street and evaluate other roadway alternatives. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared and public comments were received on August 5, 2004.

On October 19, 2004, the City Council adopted a resolution:

- Certifying an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopting Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring Plan;
- Approving a Project Alternative for Freeport Boulevard and 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Freeport Boulevard would provide one lane, parking and a Class III bikeway in each direction. 21<sup>st</sup> Street would provide one lane, parking and a Class II (striped) bikeway in each direction;
- Approving the "Restricted Turn Island" design which would reduce potential cut through traffic on streets east of 21<sup>st</sup> Street;
- Amending the City of Sacramento Bikeway Master Plan;
- Approving a One Year - Post Project Monitoring Period; and
- Directing staff to proceed with the design phase.

This report requests approval of the Public Road Crossing Improvements Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad (UP) in the amount of \$183,252, to install a new crossing gate and cantilever structure on the north side of the railroad crossing. The new structure will be located approximately 50' north of the existing crossing and will be placed near the sidewalk on the west side of 21st Street to accommodate for the two way conversion. Per this agreement UPRR will be responsible for the design and construction of the new gate.

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR FREEPORT BOULEVARD/21<sup>st</sup> STREET TWO WAY CONVERSION PROJECT (PN: SL01)**

**BACKGROUND**

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

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, a Public Road Crossing Improvement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad (UP), in the amount of \$183,252, allowing construction of the project.

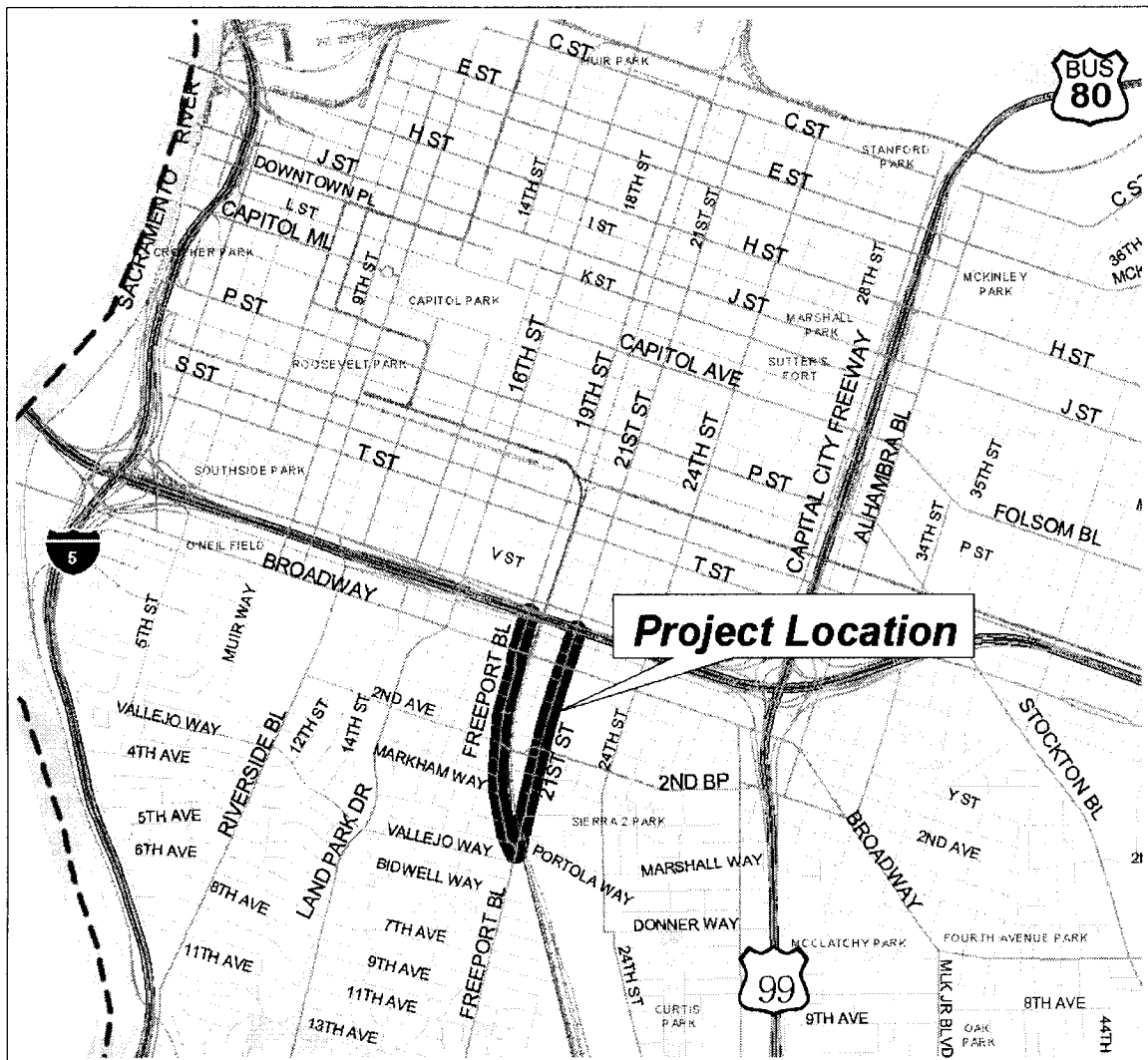
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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for

Freeport Boulevard / 21st Street  
Two-Way Conversion Project (PN: SL01)



Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
*City of Sacramento*

Map Contact S.Tobin  
Map Date: December, 2006

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