



## City Council Report

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**Consent Item 29**

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**Title:** Signature Authorization to Certify Right-of-Way for Federal-Aid Projects

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1) rescinding Resolution 2001-0527; and 2) authorizing the Director of Public Works and the Engineering Manager to execute, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, letters certifying that rights-of-way have been acquired for federally-funded transportation projects in accordance with federal regulations.

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**Presenter:** None

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

## Description/Analysis

**Issue Detail:** In the process of delivering federally-funded transportation projects, the City of Sacramento is required to follow federal procedures for acquisition of right-of-way when such acquisition is needed for projects. The right-of-way certification documents provide assurance that federal procedures have been followed in the acquisition process.

The City Council last acted in 2001 on authorizing Department of Public Works staff to sign federal right-of-way certifications for projects funded with federal transportation funds (Resolution No. 2001-0527). Since 2001, City staff, job titles, and responsibilities have changed, and staff recommends updating signature authority that designates the Director of Public Works and the Engineering Manager as the City Council approved signatories for federal right-of-way certifications.

**Policy Considerations:** None

**Economic Impacts:** Not applicable

**Environmental Considerations:** This action includes an administrative activity that is not considered a project under the CEQA Guidelines.

**Sustainability:** Not applicable

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Right-of-way certifications are a requirement of transportation projects receiving federal funds through the Caltrans Local Assistance process. The certifications require signature by an official designated to sign on behalf of the local agency as authorized by resolution. Approval of the attached resolution authorizes the Director of Public Works and the Engineering Manager to sign the right-of-way certifications on behalf of the City of Sacramento.

**Financial Considerations:** Not applicable

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not applicable

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **Signature Authorization to Certify Right-of-Way for Federal-Aid Transportation Projects**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- A. The City of Sacramento last acted on authorizing Department of Public Works staff to sign federal right-of-way certifications for projects funded with federal transportation funds in 2001.
- B. Since 2001, City staff, job titles, and responsibilities have changed, and staff recommends updating signature authority that designates the Director of Public Works and the Engineering Manager as the City Council approved signatories for federal right-of-way certifications.
- C. The City of Sacramento is required to follow federal procedures for acquisition of right-of-way when an acquisition is required for a federally funded project.
- D. Right-of-way certification documents provide assurances that federal procedures have been followed in the acquisition process.

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

Section 1. Resolution 2001-0527 is rescinded.

Section 2. The Director of Public Works and the Engineering Manager are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, a municipal corporation, all right-of-way certifications required by the State of California, Department of Transportation and the federal government pertaining to certifying that rights-of-way have been acquired according to the regulations for Federal-Aid projects.