



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
May 11, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Cooperative Agreement: Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300)

**Location/Council District:** The Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project is located just north of Downtown. (District 1)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300).

**Contact:** Nader Kamal, Special Projects Engineer, 808-7035; Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, 808-7531

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 15001131

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** This project proposes to reconstruct Bercut Drive from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, widen Jibboom Street from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, and reconstruct Richards Boulevard between Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive.

The approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans is necessary to move forward with right of way acquisition and construction of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300).

**Policy Considerations:** The proposed City Council action supports the City's Strategic Plan goals of achieving sustainability, enhancing livability, and expanding economic development throughout the city.

**Environmental Considerations:** The project final Environmental Impact Report was approved by City Council on December 15, 2009 and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as the lead agency for the National Environmental Policy act (NEPA) approved the Categorical Exclusion (CE) on January 1, 2010.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Cooperative Agreement is required by Caltrans to construct the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300).

**Sustainability Considerations:** The project will relieve traffic congestion at the I-5 offramps to Richards Boulevard and improve access to the Richards Boulevard and Railyards areas. The project will construct new sidewalks and bike lanes which will increase the use of alternate modes as a commuting option.

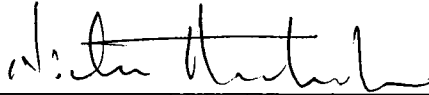
**Other:** None

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

**Financial Considerations:** The total cost to complete the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300) is estimated to be \$12 million.

The current project budget is \$1,954,284, which consists of \$1,325,000 in federal funds (Fund 3703) and \$629,284 in local transportation funds (Fund 2001). Additional federal and local funds will be added to the project at construction contract award. There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

**Emerging and Small Business Development (ESBD) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE):** None, since no good or services are being procured with this action.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
Gus Vina  
Interim City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**Background Information:**

This project proposes to reconstruct Bercut Drive from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, widen Jibboom Street from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, and reconstruct Richards Boulevard between Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive.

The primary goal of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300) is to provide reduced traffic congestion and to provide near-term circulation improvements for the surrounding redevelopment areas including the Richards Boulevard and Railyards areas. These improvements will include the extension of Bercut Drive from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, widening Jibboom Street from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, connecting Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive under Interstate 5 in the Railyards, and improving the existing Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 interchange by adding lanes to the offramps.

This project is located on the border of two important City of Sacramento development districts: the Richards Boulevard area and the Railyards area. The Richards Boulevard area has traditionally been an industrial area that is currently in a renaissance era as it converts to an extension of the downtown urban core. Over the next several months, construction of several projects will begin to provide access from the south to the Railyards area.

This project is scheduled for construction bid advertising in August 2010.

A Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans pursuant to Section 130 of Streets and Highways Code is necessary to acquire right-of-way, and construct a project on State Highway System. The Cooperative Agreement stipulates responsibilities for the project between the City and Caltrans.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard  
and Interstate 5 Interchange Project  
(T15088300)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The primary goal of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300) is to reduce traffic congestion, improve access and provide near-term circulation improvements for the Richards Boulevard and Railyards areas. These improvements include the extension of Bercut Drive from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, widening Jibboom Street from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, connecting Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive under Interstate 5 in the Railyards, and improving the existing Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 interchange by adding lanes to the offramps.
- B. This project is located on the border of two important City of Sacramento development districts: the Richards Boulevard area and the Railyards area. The Richards Boulevard area has traditionally been an industrial area that is currently in a renaissance era as it converts to an extension of the downtown urban core. Over the next several months, construction of several projects will begin to provide access from the south to the Railyards area.
- C. The project final Environmental Impact Report was approved by City Council on December 15, 2009 and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as the lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approved the Categorical Exclusion (CE) on January 1, 2010.
- D. A Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans pursuant to Section 130 of Streets and Highways Code is necessary to acquire right-of-way, and construct a project on State Highway System. The Cooperative Agreement stipulates responsibility for the project between the City and Caltrans.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300).

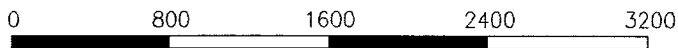
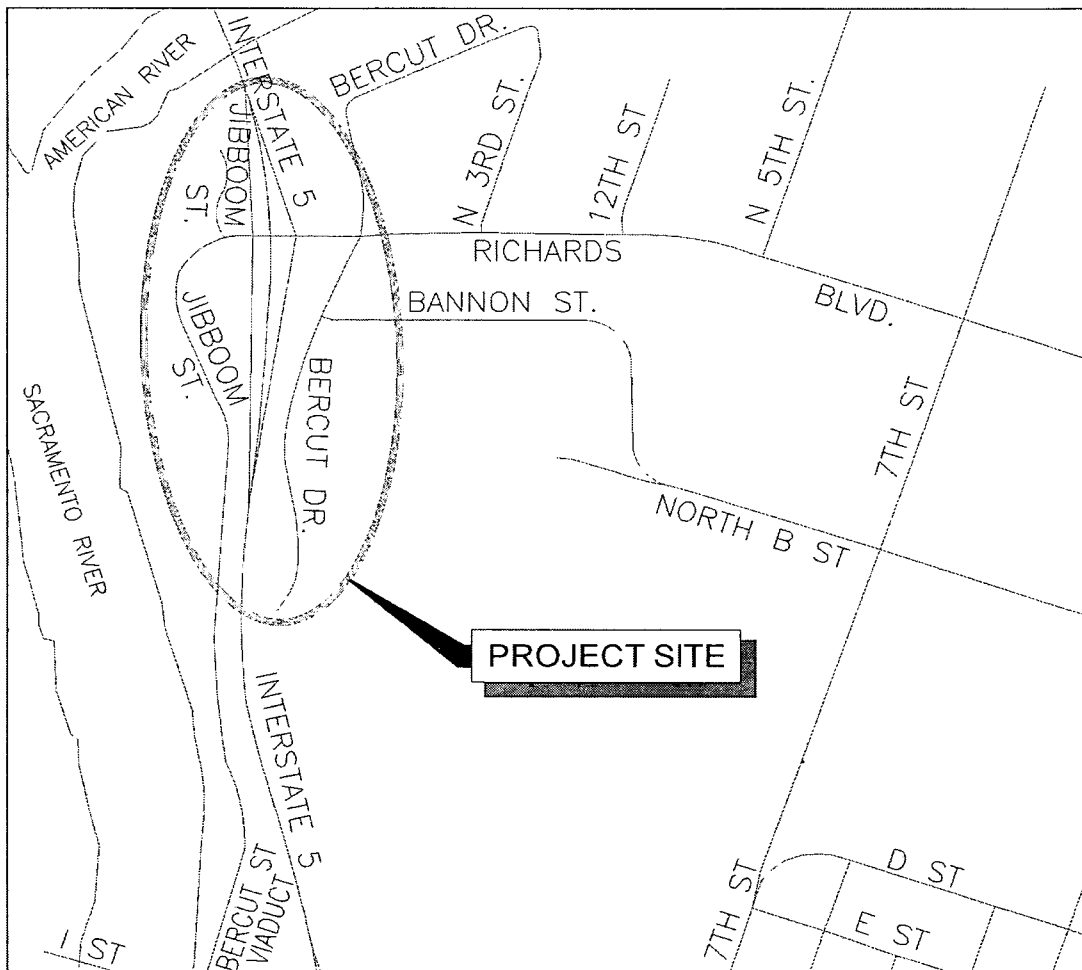
Section 2. Exhibit A is incorporated into and made part of this resolution.

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Exhibit A: Map of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (T15088300) – 1 page

EXHIBIT A

Location map for:  
**ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FROM RAILYARDS  
TO RICHARDS BOULEVARD AND  
INTERSTATE 5 PROJECT**  
PN: T15088300



Date: April 2010

