



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT

July 21, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council

Subject: Agreement: Amtrak Station Monument Sign Safety Bollards

Location/Council District: 5th and I Street, Merged Downtown Redevelopment Area
 (District 1)

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Carson Development Company not to exceed \$71,860 for installation of safety bollards to protect the Amtrak Station Monument Sign located at the northwest corner of 5th and I streets.

Contact: Paul Blumberg, Senior Project Manager, (916) 808-7204
 Carol Shearly, Interim Planning Director, (916) 808-5893

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Economic Development Department

Division: Downtown Development

Organization No: 4451

Summary:

In 2002, the City constructed a monument sign at the corner of 5th and I streets to improve identification of, and access to, the Amtrak Station. The sign is located at an intersection with a high number of vehicular traffic accidents, and K Rail barriers have been in place to protect the sign. The action associated with this report will result in installation of safety bollards similar to those being installed at the adjacent Federal Courthouse, in replacement of the K-Rail barriers currently in place.

Committee/Commission Action: None.

Background Information:

In 2002, the Amtrak Station Monument Sign (a.k.a., Clocktower Sign) was installed at the northwest corner of 5th and I streets to help guide passengers to the Amtrak Station located at 401 I Street. That same year the sign was damaged multiple times by vehicular accidents. After the sign was repaired for a second time, the City installed K-Rail barriers to protect it from further damage. The K-Rail barriers were seen as a temporary measure, to be replaced by a more aesthetically pleasing barrier system.

While staff designs for a decorative barrier wall were contemplated as part of an overall site improvement project to be undertaken by the City, the project was abandoned in January 2004. On May 31, 2005, the City Council authorized the transfer of federal grant funds to Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) as an alternative approach to achieving site improvements. The subsequent site plan prepared by RT, to be undertaken as part of the Folsom/Downtown Light Rail project, did not address construction of a safety feature for the Monument Sign.

The Federal Courthouse is currently installing a safety bollard system around the perimeter of the courthouse to replace the previous K-Rail barrier system. This design has been reviewed and approved by the National Park Service, the State Office of Historic Preservation, and the City's Preservation Board for consistency with the Historic Southern Pacific Depot National Register Historic District status.

At staff's request, the contractor who designed and installed the Federal Courthouse safety bollard project has provided a proposal to replace the K-Rail barriers in front of the Monument Sign with a similar bollard system. The Monument Sign safety bollard project will create a symmetrical urban design feature at the 5th and I Street intersection, and provide a safety feature that meets historic standards for the National Register Historic Landmark status of the SP Depot site.

Financial Considerations:

The action recommended in the attached Resolution will approve an agreement not to exceed \$71,680 and will be funded through Merged Downtown tax increment funds, previously approved as part of the Redevelopment Agency's 2005 budget.

Environmental Considerations:

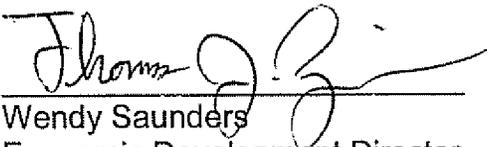
The action to authorize installation of safety bollards as an element of the existing Amtrak Monument Sign is exempt from environmental review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and is not a federal undertaking under NEPA.

Policy Considerations:

The recommendation is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals to expand economic development throughout the City and achieve sustainability and livability.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The installation of the bollard system will be accomplished through a sole-source contract with Carson Development Company, since the firm is installing a similar safety bollard project adjacent to the Monument Sign, as part of the Federal Courthouse security program.

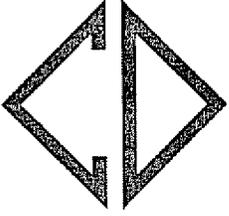
Respectfully submitted by: 
Wendy Saunders *For*
Economic Development Director

Recommendation Approved:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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May 24, 2005

Paul Blomberg
 Economic Development Department
 City of Sacramento
 1030 Fifteenth Street, Suite 250
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul:

Subject: REA Bollards

The following is the proposal for the new bollards and concrete sidewalk at the existing railroad depot sign at 5th & I street. The cost breakdown includes eight bollards to match the ones being installed across the street at the Federal Court house. A concrete sidewalk per the attached plan would match up with the existing curb and sidewalk.

Demolition & clearing	\$2,970
Concrete work	\$19,690
Granite Bollards	\$36,700
Architect & Engineering	\$5,000
Supervision & Overhead	\$5,000
Misc.	\$2,500
Total	\$71,860

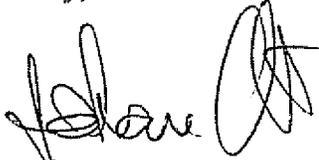
This price excludes new curbs, utilities, landscaping (these are all existing), any Caltrans work, permits, and fees

Some of the granite bollards being used at the Federal Court house building are powder coated steel post to save money. It would be a savings of approximately \$9,000.00 if we

used the powder coated steel bollards. I will talk to Lynn about setting up the meeting with you and Windy on June 3rd.

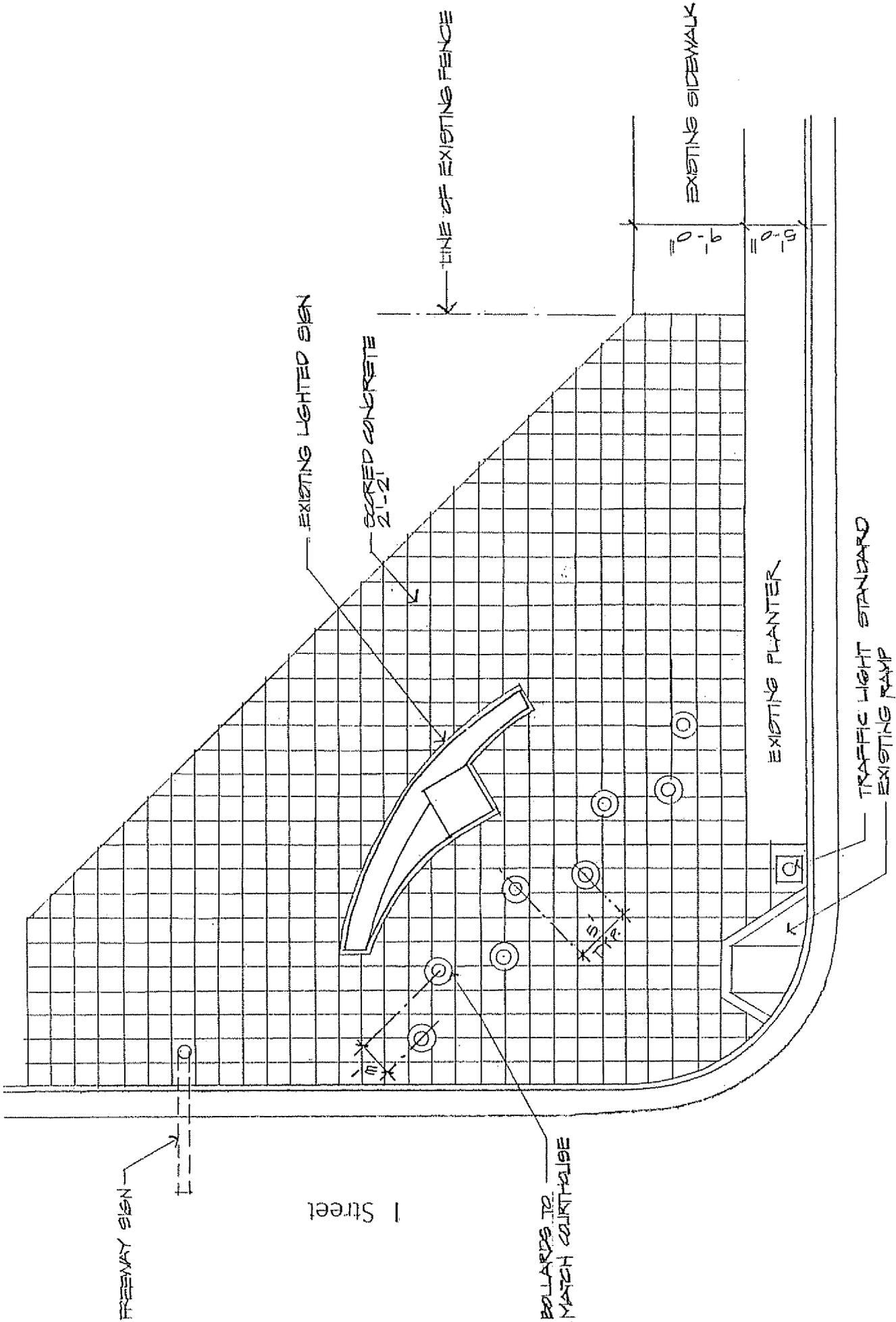
Please give me a call with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johan Otto". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a large, looped final "O".

Johan Otto
President

jo/dm
Enclosure



5th Street

Corner Improvement Project

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH CARSON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR AMTRACK MONUMENT SIGN SECURITY BOLLARDS

BACKGROUND

- A. In 2002, the Amtrak Monument Sign was installed at the northwest corner of 5th and I streets to facilitate identification of, and access to, the Amtrak Station located at 401 I Street.
- B. Upon installation, the Monument Sign was repeatedly damaged by vehicular accidents and the 5th and I Street intersection. As an emergency measure, the City installed K-Rail barriers to protect the sign from further damage.
- C. While staff designs for a decorative barrier wall were contemplated as part of an overall site improvement project to be undertaken by the City, the project was abandoned. A subsequent site plan prepared by Regional Transit as part of the Folsom/Downtown light rail project did not include a safety feature for the monument sign.
- D. The Federal Courthouse is currently installing a safety bollard system around the perimeter of the Courthouse to replace the previous K-Rail barrier system. This design has been reviewed and approved by the National Park Service, the State Office of Historic Preservation, and the City's Preservation Board for consistency with the Historic Southern Pacific Depot National Register Historic District status.
- E. Staff has requested that the contractor who designed and installed the Federal Courthouse safety bollard system provide a proposal to replace the K-Rail barriers in front of the monument sign. The Safety Bollard Project will create a symmetrical urban design feature at the 5th and I Street intersection, and provide a safety feature that meets historic standards for the National Register Historic Landmark Status of the Southern Pacific Depot site.

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

The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement not to exceed \$71,860 with Carson Development for installation of security bollards in front of the Amtrak Station Monument sign. The contract will be funded by Merged Downtown tax increment funds previously approved as part of the Redevelopment Agency's 2005 Budget.

Adopted by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento on July 21, 2005, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Mayor Heather Fargo Chair

Attest:

Shirley Concolino, City Clerk