

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-212

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 10, 2008

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE RAILYARDS TO RICHARDS BOULEVARD AND INTERSTATE 5 INTERCHANGE PROJECT (PN:TR71,T15088300)

BACKGROUND

- A. The primary goal of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71, T15088300) is to provide near-term circulation improvements for the surrounding redevelopment areas. These improvements are expected to include the extension of Bercut Drive from Richards Boulevard to Railyards Boulevard, widening Jibboom Street from Richards Boulevard to Railyards, connecting Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive under Interstate 5 in the Railyards, and improving the existing Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 interchange to the maximum extent possible under the Caltrans encroachment permit process. This project is not expected to construct the ultimate roadway improvements for the Richards Boulevard Interchange with Interstate 5.
- B. To help establish feasible scope, cost and schedule for the ultimate roadway and interchange improvements, the City anticipates completing a formal Caltrans PSR for the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Interchange as a separate effort completed concurrently with the near-term project. This Caltrans Project Study Report (PSR) is expected to be completed as part of the Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Ultimate Interchange Improvements Project (PN: TR61) and is not part of this council action. It will study multiple viable alternatives and prepare cost estimates that can most appropriately meet the areas long-term circulation needs for this interchange and its connections to the area's arterial and collector roadways. This Caltrans PSR is not being initiated at this time to allow City staff to complete the ongoing Specific Plan Update for the River District, which will likely alter the traffic circulation in and around the ultimate interchange.
- C. As the Richards Boulevard and Railyards areas redevelop, there are increasing needs for circulation improvements. The infrastructure elements of this project have been analyzed in several past EIRs in the area, including the EIR for the Railyards Specific Plan. The proposed projects are intended to be largely consistent with these past documents, with the understanding that minor changes to the roadway geometry may result as more detailed studies are performed during the delivery of this project. The primary goal of the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71, T15088300) is to provide near-term circulation improvements for the

surrounding redevelopment areas. As a result, this project is not expected to construct the ultimate roadway improvements for the Richards Boulevard Interchange with Interstate 5.

- D. 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. The Railyards area has received its name from its long-term use as Southern Pacific's primary west coast railroad service yard. In December 2006, Thomas Enterprises purchased the Railyards from the railroad company and is in the approval process for a new Railyards Specific Plan. The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the specific plan was certified on December 11, 2007.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to approve a Professional Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,344,362 for the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71, T15088300).
- Section 2. The FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets are amended by transferring \$100,000 (Fund 2001) from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01, T15007200) to the Access Improvements from the Railyards to Richards Boulevard and Interstate 5 Project (PN: TR71, T15088300).

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Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on April 10, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Mayor Heather Fargo

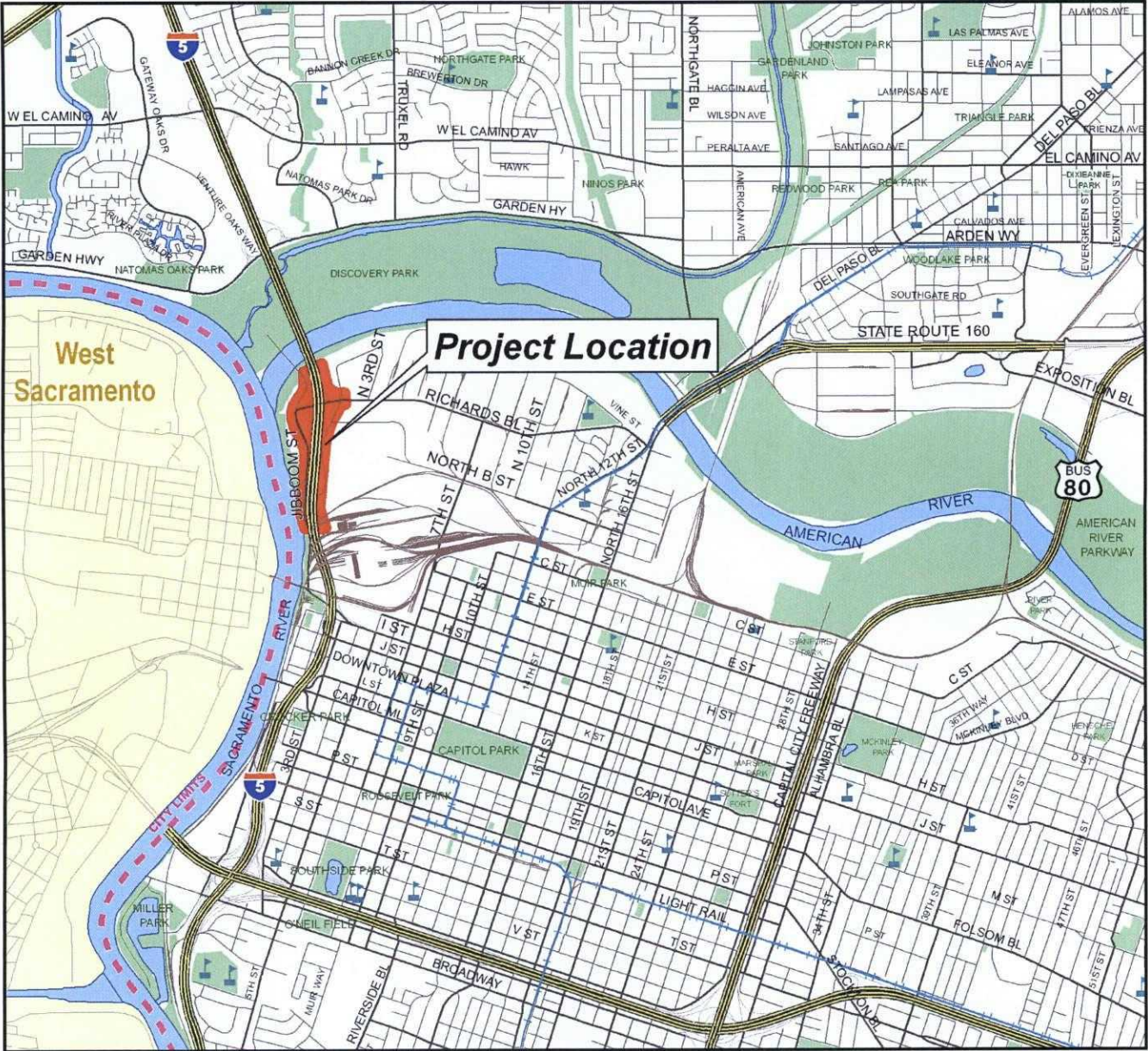
Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Location Map for
Access Improvements from Railyards to Richards Boulevard
and Interstate 5 Project (PN:TR71, T15088300)



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TRANSPORTATION
City of Sacramento

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