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**Joint Meeting of the City Councils of
the City of Sacramento and
the City of West Sacramento
August 17, 1999
7:00 P.M.**



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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: TOWER BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN/BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS – STATUS
REPORT**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Capitol Mall over the Sacramento River, District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

This report provides a status of the Tower Bridge Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvement Project. No action is required.

CONTACT PERSONS: *City of Sacramento*, Fran Lee Halbakken, Funding & Priorities Manager, 264-7194
City of West Sacramento, Caroline Quinn, City Engineer, 373-5854

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SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide status information on the Tower Bridge project to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.

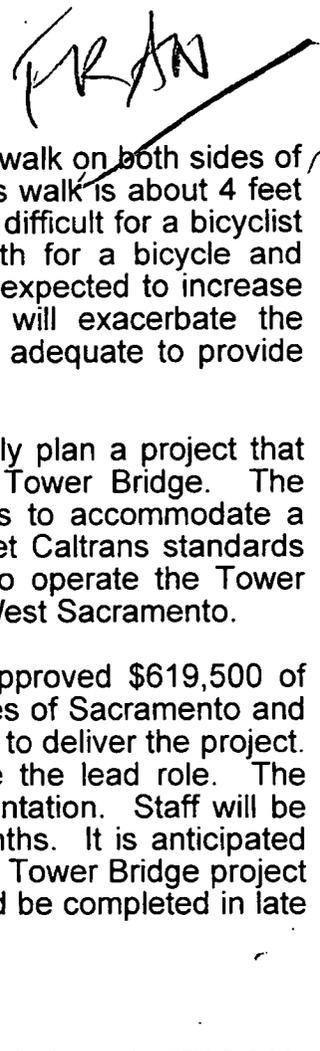
COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

When joint waterfront planning was done by the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, it was recognized that the Tower Bridge would be a critical linkage between key destinations on both sides of the Sacramento River. However, the existing sidewalks on the bridge were not adequate to support the pedestrian traffic that will be generated by the development of the Embassy Suites Waterfront Hotel, baseball stadium, Old Sacramento waterfront restaurants, the River Walk, and various office projects on both sides of the river.

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The existing Tower Bridge provides four travel lanes and a narrow sidewalk on both sides of the bridge. The sidewalk is shared by bicyclists and pedestrians. This walk is about 4 feet wide and narrows where the bridge supports meet the pavement. It is difficult for a bicyclist to maneuver through the narrow areas and is not of sufficient width for a bicycle and pedestrian to pass side-by-side. Pedestrian and bicycle volumes are expected to increase significantly as development progresses on the waterfront, which will exacerbate the sidewalk problem. The vehicle travel lanes on the Tower Bridge are adequate to provide capacity for existing and future projected traffic volumes.

The cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento joined to conceptually plan a project that would improve the pedestrian and bicycle-related elements of the Tower Bridge. The proposed Tower Bridge project would provide 10-foot wide sidewalks to accommodate a shared Class 1 pedestrian/bikeway. These improvements would meet Caltrans standards for shared pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Caltrans will continue to operate the Tower Bridge when State Route 275 reverts to the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento.

On July 15, 1999, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments approved \$619,500 of TEA-21 funds for the jointly sponsored Tower Bridge project. The cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento were each awarded \$309,750 and will work together to deliver the project. The respective staffs have not yet determined which entity will take the lead role. The project scope includes preliminary design and environmental documentation. Staff will be working to complete this work within the next eighteen to twenty months. It is anticipated that both agencies will request that final design and construction of the Tower Bridge project be funded during Phase 2 of TEA-21 in Year 2001. Construction would be completed in late 2002/early 2003.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The estimated project cost for the preliminary design and environmental phase is \$700,000. The joint cities have been allocated \$619,500 of federal TEA-21 funds and will be required to provide \$80,500 of local matching funds. Both cities are using Tax Increment Funds for the local match. The \$700,000 will be sufficient to pay for staff and consultant costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental considerations associated with this status report on the Tower Bridge project. However, the project will be subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The Tower Bridge project is consistent with the following Riverfront Master Plan goals:

- To minimize traffic and parking impacts of development;
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ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

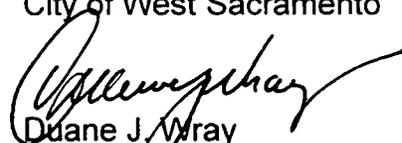
ESBD requirements are not applicable to this informational status report. The project has federal funding and must comply with federal and Caltrans Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements. City ESBD policy allows for the application of DBE requirements in lieu of ESBD requirements for state and federal funded projects. The City of West Sacramento Equal Employment Opportunity/Federal Affirmative Action Policy complies with Federal equal opportunity requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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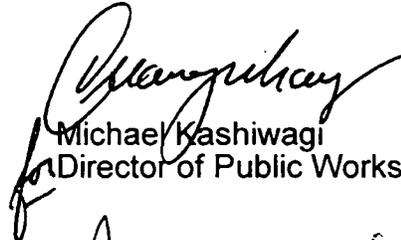
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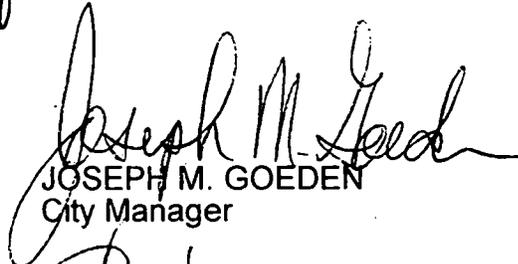
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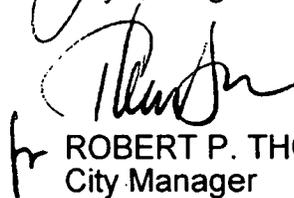
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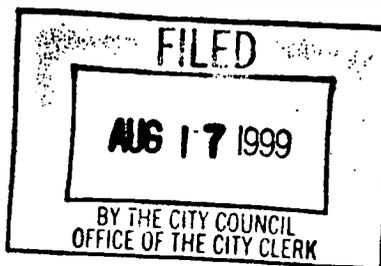
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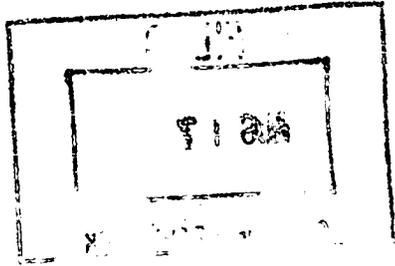
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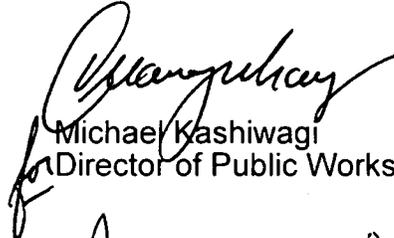
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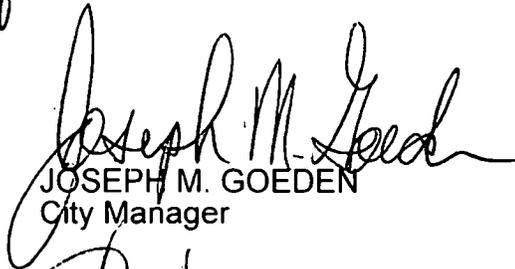
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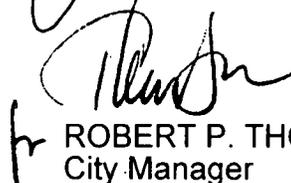
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