

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-928

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 12, 2006

DESIGNATING PORTIONS OF THE RICHARDS BOULEVARD AREA AS A TRANSIT VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING THE RICHARDS BOULEVARD AREA PLAN WITHIN THE TRANSIT VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AS THE RICHARDS BOULEVARD TRANSIT VILLAGE PLAN

BACKGROUND

- A. California's Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994 ("Act"), Government Code section 65460 et seq., was enacted to promote transit ridership within the state and to reduce vehicle traffic on highways. To achieve this goal, the Act allows cities to designate certain areas as transit village development districts and to adopt transit village plans for the districts. Cities establishing transit village development districts and adopting such plans are eligible for increased transportation funding and assistance from the Office of Permit Assistance to establish an expedited permit process.
- B. Government Code section 65460.4 states that Transit Village Development Districts are limited to land within quarter mile of a transit station.
- C. A transit village plan may be prepared for each transit village development district that the City designates. Section 65460.2 of the Government Code requires transit village plans to feature several characteristics, including: (a) a neighborhood centered around a transit station that is planned and designed so that residents, workers, shoppers, and others find it convenient and attractive to patronize transit, other land uses, including a retail district oriented to the transit station and civic uses; (b) pedestrian and bicycle access to the transit station; (c) a transit system that should encourage and facilitate intermodal service, and access by modes other than single occupant vehicles; and (d) at least five demonstrable public benefits beyond the increase in transit usage. Government Code section 65460.11 allows a city to declare an existing specific plan adopted prior to January 1, 2006 and that meets the requirements of section 65460.2, a transit village plan. The adopted Richards Boulevard Area Plan meets these requirements.
- D. The adopted Richards Boulevard Area Plan meets five of the thirteen public benefit criteria identified in Government Code section 65460.2(f) in order to be designated as a transit village plan as follows: 1) relief of congestion, 2) improved air quality, 3) promotion of infill development, 4) pedestrian friendly environment around a transit station, and 5) increased sales and property

housing, redevelopment of depressed and marginal inner-city neighborhoods and promotion of infill development and preservation of natural resources, and promotion of a safe, attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment around transit stations.

- E. The pending development proposal for North of Richards Boulevard between 5th and 7th street is centered on a new light rail station. Adoption of the new plan, therefore, would be consistent with the designation of the Richards Boulevard development area as a transit village development district.
- F. Any portion of the adopted Richards Boulevard Area Plan can be declared a transit village plan by December 31, 2006 in order to be eligible for current and future transportation funding.
- G. The adopted Richards Boulevard Area Plan serving as the Richards Boulevard Transit Village Plan is consistent with the City's General Plan.
- H. In accordance with Government Code section 65460.11, a public notice was placed in the Daily Recorder a minimum of 10 days prior to the City Council public hearing date, December 12, 2006.

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

- Section 1. In accordance with the California Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994, the City Council designates portions of the Richards Boulevard development area as a transit village development district, the boundaries of which are set forth in Exhibit A.
- Section 2. In accordance with the California Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994, the City Council declares that the existing Richards Boulevard Area Plan adopted on December 13, 1994 (Resolution No. 94-736) meets the requirements of Government Code Section 65460.2, and therefore shall serve as the transit village plan for the newly established Richards Boulevard Transit Village Development District.

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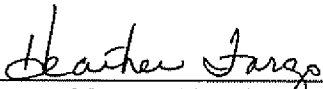
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 12, 2006 by the following vote:

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

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

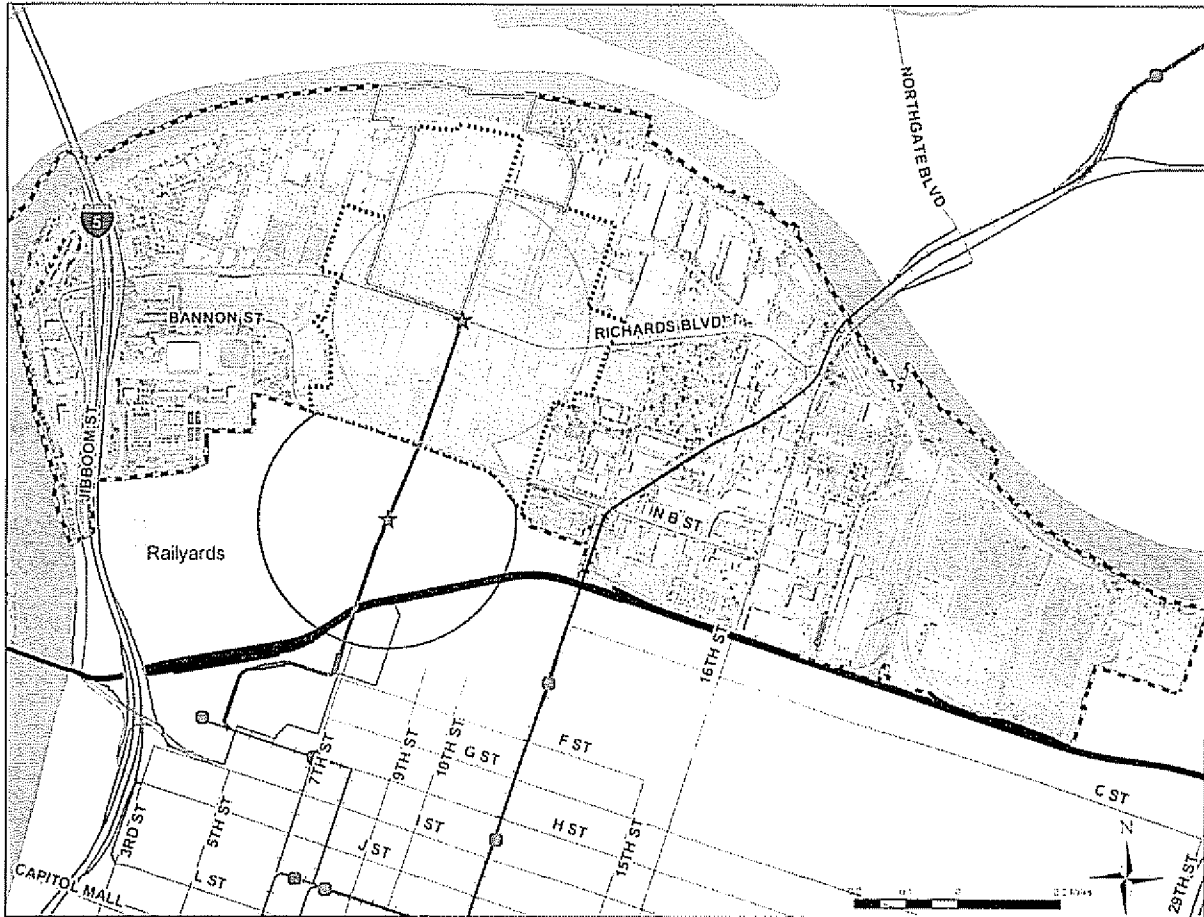


Mayor, Heather Fargo

Attest


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

Exhibit A - Location Map



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Light Rail Stations △ Proposed Light Rail Stations — Existing Light Rail Alignment — Proposed DNA Alignment (MOS1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 0.25 Mile Buffer line from LRT Stations ⋯ Richards Boulevard Area Plan Boundary ⋯ Transit Village Development District Boundary □ Township 9 Project Boundary |
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