

REPORT TO COUNCIL
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CONSENT
April 25, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Approve Sacramento Valley Station Memorandum of Understanding

Location/Council District: Area northwest of 5th & I Streets, Central City, (District 1)
(Exhibit A)

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Sacramento (County) and Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) for joint commitment and actions as major stakeholders for the Sacramento Valley Station.

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Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Department of General Services

Division: Facility and Real Property Management

Organization No: 3282

Summary:

The Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) will be developed as a regional multimodal transportation center with high levels of service, upgraded facilities and connections among many modes of transportation. The proposed MOU (Exhibit B) recognizes a partnership among the City, County and RT as major stakeholders in the project and a commitment to its implementation.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

The SVS, which is the current transportation center operating at the Historic Depot, will be expanded to become a multimodal transportation facility with higher levels of service, improved facilities and integration among numerous modes of transportation. The "SVS", which denotes a regional facility, will be the name of the project previously known as the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility.

The project has long been championed by transportation operators, community advocates, development groups and local jurisdictions. It will bring benefits that include enhanced transportation choices, mobility, connectivity, economic development and quality of life. It will serve as a gateway and destination for the region as well a catalyst for the railyard's development.

In 2001, the City endorsed the "Principles of Agreement Related to the Sacramento Intermodal Station." In 2004, the City Council approved a concept design for the project. In 2006, Sacramento Council of Governments identified this project as the region's top priority transportation project.

As a facility that serves the region, it is important to have joint commitment and partnership demonstrated among the local jurisdictions that will play major roles in its implementation. This is significant in seeking funding, obtaining approvals, coordinating with the railyard's developers and in formulating a framework for the facility's management, operation and construction. These are the objectives of the MOU. In addition, it may be the precursor for more formal agreements, such as a joint powers authority, among the City, County and RT.

Financial Considerations:

The proposed MOU will not involve financial arrangements.

Environmental Considerations:

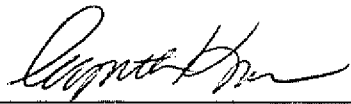
The project has been determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under section 15301(d) which states the restoration of or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities and mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, is exempt.

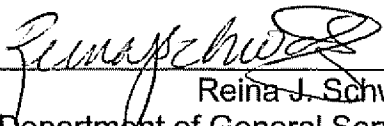
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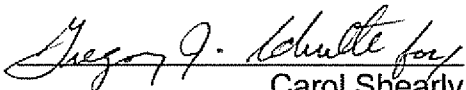
The action requested herein is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals to expand economic development throughout the City and to achieve sustainability and livability.

ESBE Considerations:

No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Facilities Manager

Approved by: 
Reina J. Schwartz
Director, Department of General Services

Approved by: 
Carol Shearly
Director, Planning Department

Recommendation Approved:


Ray Kerridge
for City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 25, 2006

APPROVE SACRAMENTO VALLEY STATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento Valley Station will be developed as a regional intermodal transportation center with high levels of service, upgraded facilities and connections among many modes of transportation.

- B. The Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento and Sacramento Regional Transit District will be instrumental in demonstrating commitment and partnership and in securing funding, approvals, coordination of development and establishing an operational framework for the facility.

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

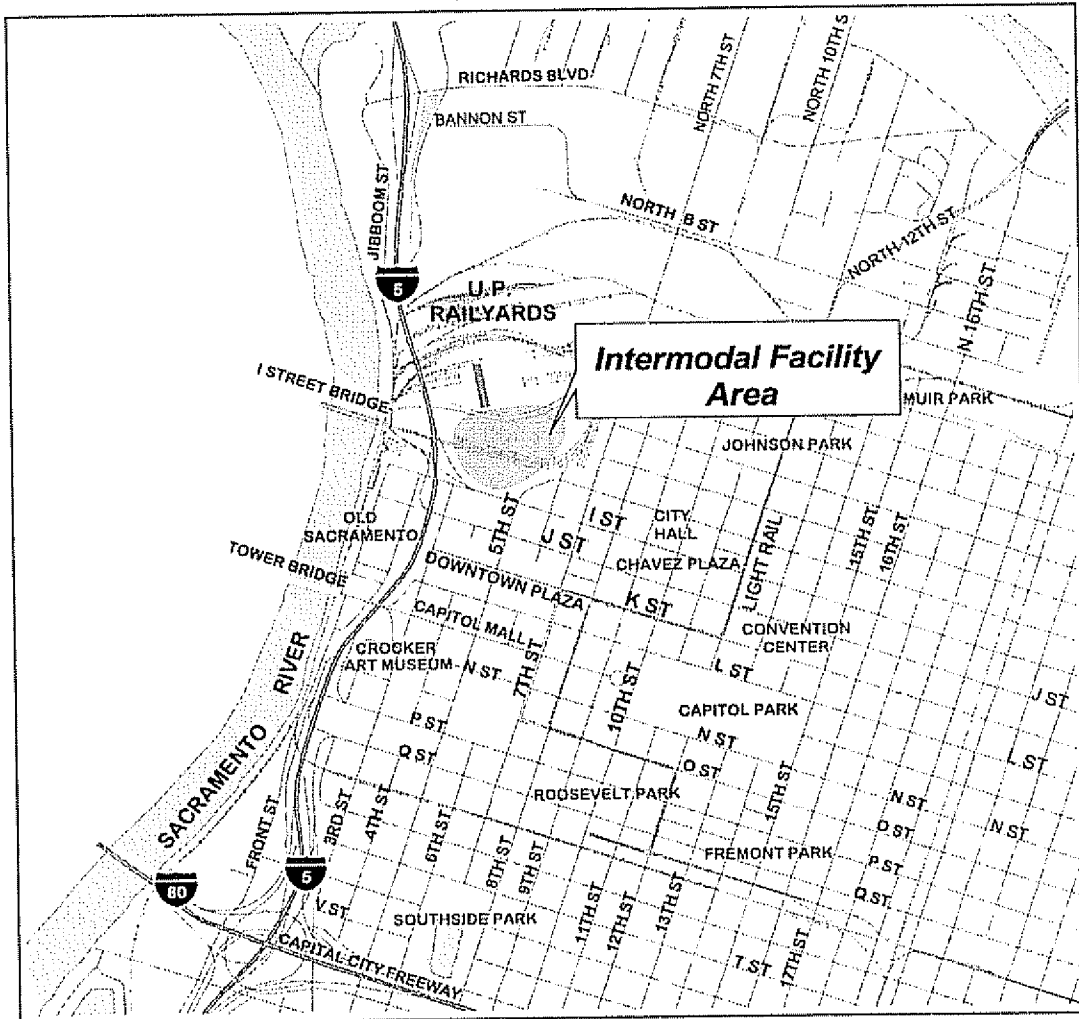
- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sacramento and Sacramento Regional Transit District for joint commitment and actions as major stakeholders for the Sacramento Valley Station.

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EXHIBIT A

Attachment A

Location Map for
**SACRAMENTO INTERMODAL
TRANSPORTATION FACILITY (SITF)
(PN:CF41)**



Map Contact: S. Tobin
Date: June, 2004

1000 0 1000 2000 Feet



EXHIBIT B**SACRAMENTO VALLEY STATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This memorandum of understanding is entered into as of _____, 2006, by and among the **CITY OF SACRAMENTO**, a municipal corporation ("City"), the **COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO** ("County") and **SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT**, a public corporation ("RT").

RECITALS

- A. The Sacramento Valley Station ("SVS"), located at the Historic Southern Pacific Depot, is currently operating as a regional transportation center serving Amtrak, Capitol Corridor Intercity Rail Service, RT and other local transit services, and providing park and ride facilities.
- B. A comprehensive intermodal transportation facility brings many benefits to the region beyond improved transit service, including enhanced mobility, connectivity, economic development, quality of life, place-making, and others.
- C. To this end, the parties envision that the SVS should be developed in the future to become an intermodal transportation center offering high service levels, upgraded facilities and a broad range of modes of transportation, including light rail transit, regional rail, high-speed rail, intercity bus, regional public transit, shuttles, bicycling and other services, while preserving the region's rich rail heritage.
- D. The concept of such an expanded SVS, previously known as the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility ("SITF"), has been designated by Sacramento Area Council of Governments ("SACOG") as the region's top priority transportation project.
- E. It is recognized that the City, County, and RT would be the major stakeholders in the region for the SVS and that these parties wish to cooperate, coordinate, and act as partners to make the SVS a reality. Additionally, as a regional facility, input and support for the SVS would be sought from other jurisdictions in the region.
- F. Because it is anticipated that the development of the SVS will occur over a period of years and require considerable public resources, the long-term and unified commitment to the project by the stakeholders is crucial.
- G. To demonstrate a commitment to the SVS the parties desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The SVS shall be an intermodal transportation center that functions as a service hub, connection terminal, multiuse destination, civic, and historic landmark and regional gateway.
2. The City, County, and RT shall cooperate and coordinate to the fullest extent possible on joint and individual actions to implement the project, including seeking funding and promoting it with regional, state, and federal agencies, private parties, and communities.
3. As major stakeholders, the City, County, and RT shall explore options for future formal arrangements, including but not limited to a joint powers authority, to define appropriate roles and responsibilities with respect to the ownership, construction, operation, maintenance and management of the SVS.
4. Such arrangements, if entered into by the parties, may provide for an investigation of a broad range of implementation and funding strategies for the facility, including non-traditional alignment of funding sources, seeking new revenue sources such as redevelopment tax increment funding, public-private partnerships, phasing, and other alternatives.
5. The City, County, and RT shall use their individual powers jointly or singly for the benefit of the SVS, including powers in redevelopment, bond financing, eminent domain and others, and shall lend their status as potential recipients for specialized program funding for the project.
6. The City shall take the lead in discussions with the developer/property owner of the Union Pacific Railyards in furtherance of the project and will fulfil its obligation to secure the site of a relocated RT light rail station as provided under Section 4 of the Agreement for Construction and Relocation of Amtrak/Folsom Line Station.
7. The conceptual design for the facility approved by the City of Sacramento City Council on November 4, 2004 shall be a leading alternative for further detailed study that would involve the major stakeholders.
8. The parties shall share information related to the SVS provided to each party singly and shall meet regularly on the project.
9. The parties hereto execute this Memorandum of Understanding effective as of the date of adoption by their respective governing body.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

Heather Fargo, Mayor

Date

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Roberta MacGlashan, Chair,
Board of Supervisors

Date

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

ROGER DICKINSON, Chair

Date

BEVERLY A. SCOTT, General Manager/CEO

Date

