

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** July 23, 2007

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD RELINQUISHMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council support the relinquishment of the portion on Rosemead Boulevard that is within the City limits from Caltrans to the City of Pasadena.

**BACKGROUND:**

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) staff has requested input from the City Councils of all jurisdictions along the Rosemead Boulevard corridor in order to guide the potential relinquishment process for Rosemead Boulevard from Foothill Boulevard in City of Pasadena, south to Temple City.

Rosemead Boulevard is a city street north of Foothill Boulevard and is designated as a Multimodal Corridor in the City's Mobility Element of the General Plan. South of Foothill Boulevard, the roadway is predominantly outside the City, within the jurisdiction of the County of Los Angeles. The roadway was relinquished from Caltrans to the County of Los Angeles in October 2006 after a two-year process. Only the west side of Rosemead Boulevard for a short 900-foot segment from Foothill Boulevard to south of the 210 Freeway lies within the City of Pasadena. The east side of the street is within the County of Los Angeles.

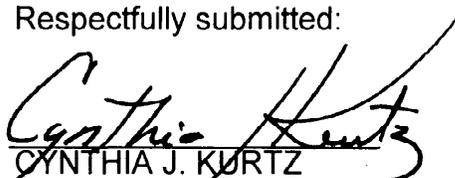
Rosemead Boulevard has a great deal of regional significance in the San Gabriel Valley as it is the primary north-south corridor in the western San Gabriel Valley, and is used daily by commuters and residents. Staff has reviewed the pros and cons of relinquishing Rosemead Boulevard and believes that the benefits of relinquishing the roadway to the City outweigh any potential impacts. The only potential impacts are that the City would be responsible for maintenance and any potential liability once the roadway is accepted by the City. As the length of the roadway to be relinquished is very short in the City of Pasadena, staff believes that liability issues are minimal. Additionally, should the relinquishment process proceed forward, the City would work with Caltrans either directly or as part of a team of San Gabriel Valley cities to identify

any potential improvements that may be needed on the roadway before the City accepts the roadway. One major benefit of the relinquishment would be the City's better control of the traffic signal operations at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard/Rosemead Boulevard which is currently under Caltrans jurisdiction. Based on previous experience with the Arroyo Parkway relinquishment within the City of Pasadena, it is likely that the affected cities and Caltrans would reach an agreement for a lump sum of funding to pay for any needed improvements.

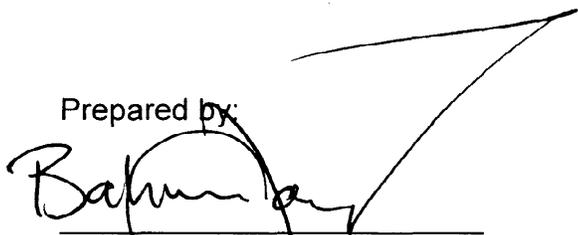
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are no fiscal impacts at this point as a result of supporting the relinquishment process. Should the process for relinquishment move forward in the future, staff will identify any potential fiscal impacts affecting the City of Pasadena.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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