



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

Status of AB 2448 (Scott) Highways: Residential Areas: Local Government Agreements
and SB 1497 (Schiff) Highways: Residential Areas: Local Government Agreements

Both of these bills would prohibit the Department of Transportation from constructing a freeway that traverses an existing residential community unless the department has entered into a specified agreement with the city council or board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the area involved.

Senate Bill 1497, authored by Senator Adam Schiff, passed the Senate on May 16, 2000 with a vote of 30 in favor and 2 opposed. It was heard and passed the Assembly Transportation Committee and is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. If it passes from the suspense file, SB 1497 will go to a vote on the floor of the Assembly. If passed, it will go to the Governor for signature.

Assembly Member Jack Scott introduced a bill nearly identical to Senator Schiff's SB 1497, which was AB 1930. This bill failed passage by the Assembly on June 1, 2000. On June 13, 2000 Assembly Member Scott gutted an existing transportation bill, AB 2448, and amended it to become its current topic. Assembly Bill 2448 had already passed the Assembly and is in the Senate.

Assembly Member Scott was granted a rule waiver for this bill that allowed it to bypass the Senate Transportation and Appropriations Committees and go directly to a vote on the Senate floor. Assembly Member Scott successfully argued that these two committees had already heard and passed SB 1497, the nearly identical bill authored by Senator Schiff.

The full Senate will vote on AB 2448 sometime after the Legislative returns from the summer recess on August 7, 2000. If AB 2448 passes the Senate, it will have to return to the Assembly floor for concurrence. If the Assembly does not pass it, the bill will go to a conference committee. If the conference committee can iron out differences, it would then again go to a vote on each house floor. This process must be completed by August 31, 2000 which is the last day for the houses to pass bill.

Respectfully submitted,



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