

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL January 19, 1999

THROUGH: Legislative Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Support for AB 102 (Wildman) - Soundwall Retrofit Funding

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the attached resolution supporting AB 102 (Wildman) which would fund soundwall retrofits; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to send letters to the appropriate officials stating Pasadena's support for AB 102.

## **BACKGROUND**

Assemblyman Wildman, has introduced AB 102 which would fund soundwall construction in the state from a priority list established on May 3, 1989 by the Department of Transportation. Assembly Bill 102 is similar to AB 1686 from the 1998 legislative session. The City Council supported AB 1686, which was vetoed by Governor Wilson on September 21, 1998.

Assembly Bill 102 would require that expenditures for constructing soundwalls on the 1989 priority list be funded prior to making state transportation funds available for interregional and regional capital improvement projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program. Annual expenditures for the soundwall retrofit program will be the amount required to complete the design and construction of the 1989 list of soundwalls by July 1, 2003.

The 1989 priority list was created after scoring every segment of freeway in California based on noise and other factors. Los Angeles County freeway scores were lower than many other parts of the State and were at the bottom of this priority list. As funding

dwindled over the years, Los Angeles County was left with the largest number of unfunded soundwalls (approximately \$356 million) and would therefore benefit significantly from this proposed legislation.

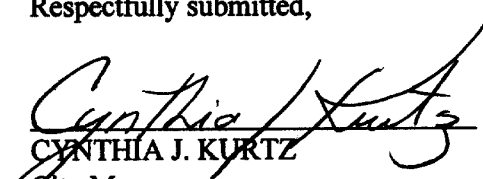
It is important to note that Pasadena's soundwall needs are not on the 1989 priority list. However, the 1989 list must be completed before the projects on the post-1989 list will be addressed. Los Angeles County has a list of 120 needed soundwall retrofit projects. The first 41 projects on the list comprise the 1989 list and would be funded by this bill (\$187 million). Pasadena's project is number 66 and therefore part of the post-1989 list. Exhibit 1 shows the approved segments of the 210 freeway where soundwalls are needed (210 freeway Arroyo Blvd. to Wilson Ave.).

As calculated by the MTA, Pasadena's segments of needed soundwalls will cost \$4.5 million to design and construct. If Pasadena will provide one-third of this amount (\$1.5 million) our segments can move on to the 1989 list that will be funded by this bill. On December 14, 1998 this Council received an update on soundwalls in Pasadena and referred any potential local funding to the Finance Committee to be discussed as part of their deliberations for the FY 2000 - 2004 CIP budget.

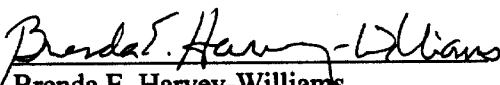
#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Assembly bill 102 would fund the design and construction of 41 segments of soundwalls in Los Angeles County totaling \$187 million.

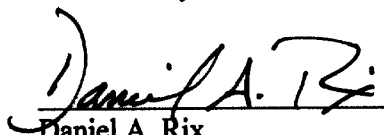
Respectfully submitted,

  
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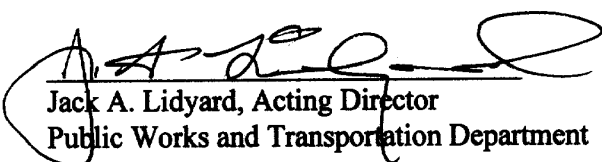
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