

# Agenda Report

**TO: CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: June 7, 1999**

**FROM: City Manager**

**SUBJECT: 710 Freeway - Design Advisory Group Report on Interim Traffic Mitigation Projects for the 710 Freeway Gap.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Draft Project Study Report as prepared by CalTrans for the local interim traffic improvement projects in the 710 Freeway Gap Cities.

**BACKGROUND:**

CalTrans and local community representatives from the four communities affected by the 710 Freeway gap have been meeting over the last year. Their efforts have been to develop interim mitigation measures for the traffic impacts currently experienced due to the lack of a freeway connection between the 710 Interchange with the 210 & 134 Freeways in Pasadena, and the 710 Freeway connection in Alhambra. This process had been directed by the signing of the Record of Decision on the Environmental Impact Report for completing the 710 Freeway gap by the Secretary of Transportation.

The City Council, on the advice of the Legislative Policy Committee, appointed 6 community members to represent Pasadena and to work with CalTrans on this process. Those members were selected as representing both freeway supporters and freeway opponents.

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David Worrell  
Noel Hanson

Katie Nack  
Claire Bogaard  
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Pasadena's representatives developed a program of projects to consider for recommendation, and then developed evaluation criteria to score the projects. Pasadena's recommendations were submitted to CalTrans, as were recommendations from the other three cities.

The Pasadena DAG recommendations to CalTrans were:

1. Photo red light enforcement on Orange Grove, Marengo and Los Robles
2. Fair Oaks Urban Corridor ITS signal improvements and pedestrian facilities
3. Raymond Corridor upgrade and southbound slip ramp to the 110 Freeway
4. Relocation of the 710 Freeway southern terminus from California to Del Mar
5. California and Fair Oaks Intersection widening on the southwest corner
6. Arroyo Parkway reconstruction and relinquishment by the State to Pasadena

CalTrans had an independent appraisal of all recommended projects conducted, using a private consultant, and presented final recommendations for all corridor gap cities to the Design Advisory Groups. The CalTrans recommendations are included in the Draft Project Study Report as submitted. The recommended project list for the 710 Freeway Gap cities totals \$8 Million, with \$1.7 Million in project oversight by the State, for a total budget of \$9.7 Million. Project funds are to be delivered to the local communities to implement the recommended projects, or projects determined to be more effective at mitigating the impacts, from the candidate list of projects developed by the groups.

The CalTrans recommendations for Pasadena are:

- Improvements to Fair Oaks Avenue corridor to improve mobility and provide a livable urban corridor (traffic signal and management systems plus pedestrian amenities) \$1.3 Million.
- Intersection widening at Fair Oaks and California (southwest corner) \$0.5 Million.

Another project that CalTrans considered as a back up project in Pasadena was:

- Photo red light signal enforcement for Orange Grove, Marengo and Los Robles \$0.6 Million.

These projects are included in the Draft Project Study Report as submitted by CalTrans for the City's review and comment or approval. The interim traffic improvements are subject to continuing discussion with the Design Advisory Group. As the project refinement process progresses, projects on the proposed list could be used to replace any to the recommended projects.

#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The Draft Project Study Report recommends project funding for Pasadena in the amount of \$1.8 Million for projects recommended by CalTrans, and developed by the City's Design Advisory Group. These funds are programmed in the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) augmentation. Construction funds for projects will be available for the FY2000 fiscal year, and would be given to the Cities for implementation.

Respectfully Submitted,



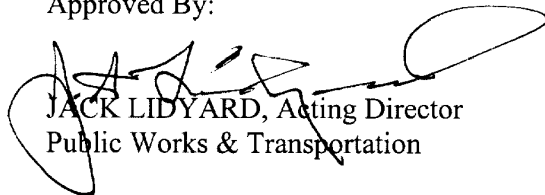
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Attachments: Exhibit A: Draft Project Study Report