



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT:** ROUTE 101/TULLY INTERCHANGE  
AND MAINLINE IMPROVEMENTS

**DATE:** 03-23-09

Approved

Date

3/30/09

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 5, 7, 8

**SNI AREA:** K.O.N.A., Tully/Senter,  
West Evergreen

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve an agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for the design of Route 101 freeway mainline and interchange improvements in the Tully Road area for a City-funded amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

## OUTCOME

The recommended action facilitates implementation of a \$63 million freeway improvement project in the Route 101/Tully Road area. The project will improve traffic safety, relieve traffic congestion, improve local access to the East San José and Evergreen areas of San José, and enhance the local economy through the creation of construction jobs.

## BACKGROUND

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), in cooperation with the City of San José and Caltrans, has developed a project to relieve severe traffic congestion along Route 101 in the Tully Road area. As shown on Exhibit A, attached, the project includes reconstruction of the Route 101/Tully interchange and widening of southbound Route 101 between Story Road and Capitol Expressway. The project is considered the first phase of a Route 101 improvement plan, with improvements in the Capitol Expressway/Yerba Buena interchange area planned as a subsequent phase. Both phases of the project are included in Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2035. VTP 2035 provides the planning and policy framework for developing transportation projects in Santa Clara County.

The Route 101/Tully improvement project cost is \$63 million. The funding sources for the project include: State Proposition 1B (\$30 million), VTA (\$12 million), City of San José (\$10

million), Federal (\$7 million), developer contribution (\$3 million) and Caltrans maintenance funds (\$1 million). The project is currently under design; construction is planned to start in early 2010 and be complete in late 2012.

The City's \$10 million funding commitment for the project is proposed to be allocated as \$4 million for design and \$6 million for construction. At this time, an agreement has been drafted to facilitate the \$4 million transfer of City funds to VTA to complete project design work. The City's source of funds for the \$4 million is included in the City's Adopted Traffic Capital Improvement Program and utilizes funds the City has received from the State Proposition 1B program for this purpose.

### **ANALYSIS**

VTA will serve as the project manager for the project and will coordinate the State review and approval of the project. VTA will use the City's contribution to fund the completion of final design and right of way engineering for the project. The City's Department of Transportation will provide oversight of the project and coordinate project submittals and activities with other City departments.

It is noted that future amendment(s) to this agreement will be required for funding the construction phase of the project. The City's estimated funding share for the construction phase of the project is \$6 million. Funding recommendations for the construction phase will be included as part of the 2010-2014 Proposed Capital Improvement Program which will be released on April 20, 2009 and will be brought forward for Council approval on June 16, 2009.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

Not applicable

### **POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**



**Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater.

**(Required: Website Posting)**

- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
  
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This action meets the requirement of Criterion 1: Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater, and therefore, will be posted on the City's website for the April 14, 2009 Council Agenda.

**COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

**FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

The recommended action supports the City's policy goals to improve transportation services.

**COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

The City's funding contribution of \$4 million is included in the Traffic Capital Budget utilizing revenues the City has obtained from the State Proposition 1B program. Funding for the construction phase (\$6 million) will be included as part of the 2010-2014 Proposed Capital Improvement Program and will be brought forward for Council approval on June 16, 2009.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

The table below identifies the fund and appropriation proposed to fund the agreement recommended as part of this memorandum.

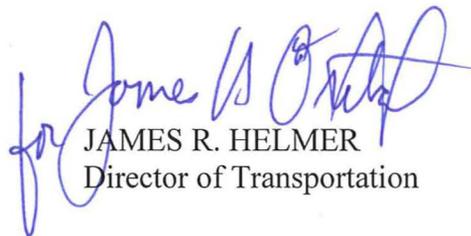
Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	RC #	Total Appn	Amt. for Agreement	2008-2009 Adopted Capital	Last Budget Action (Date,
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						Budget (Page)	Ord. No.)
429	6163	Prop 1B- 101/Tully Interchange Upgrade	153423	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	V-1126	N/A

CEQA

Mitigated Negative Declaration, File No. OA05-010.

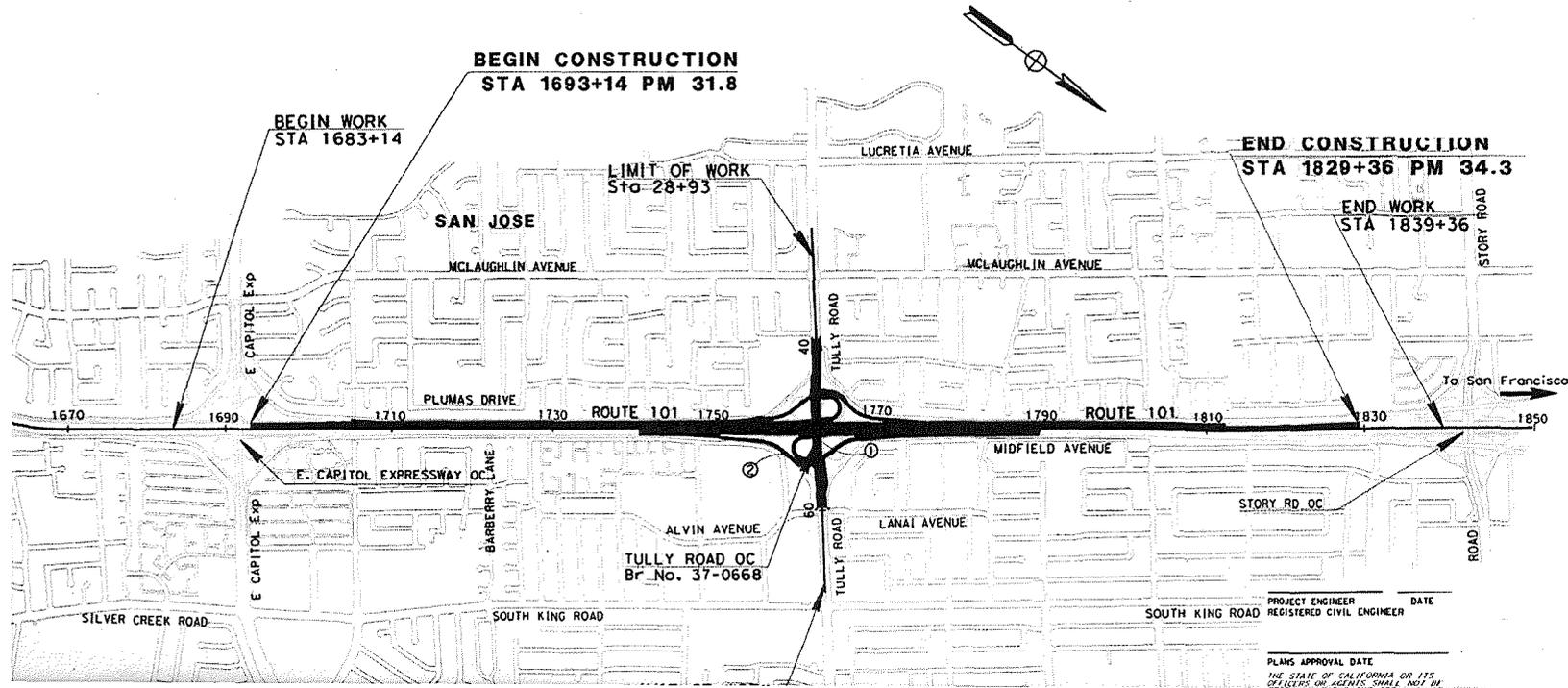
Acting as Lead Agency, Caltrans prepared an Initial Study and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in 2005 for the US 101 Operational Improvement Project. The City, acting as a Responsible Agency, can rely upon Caltrans' MND for purposes of informing the City's decision to complete the proposed agreement with the VTA.

  
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Director of Transportation

For questions please contact Ray Salvano, Regional Projects Manager, at 975-3706.

**PROJECT PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION ON  
STATE HIGHWAY  
IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
IN SAN JOSE  
FROM 0.1 MILE NORTH OF CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY OVERCROSSING  
TO 0.3 MILE SOUTH OF STORY ROAD OVERCROSSING**

TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY STANDARD PLANS DATED MAY 2006



**EXHIBIT A**