

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: JASON NUTT, DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
SUBJECT: ACCEPT RELINQUISHED PORTIONS OF 3RD STREET AND  
COLLEGE AVENUE RIGHTS-OF-WAY FROM CALTRANS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that Council, by resolution, accept relinquished portions of 3rd Street and College Avenue from Caltrans that were either transferred from the City to Caltrans or acquired by Caltrans as part of the US Highway 101 Widening Project and waive the “intention to Relinquish” requirement.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 17, 2019, Caltrans forwarded a January 20, 2016, letter requesting that the City take action to approve relinquishment documents for portions of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and College Avenue that were acquired to complete improvements associated with the US Highway 101 Widening project through downtown Santa Rosa. The request was delayed due to a series of staffing changes at Caltrans, which was recently rectified resulting in a reissuing of the January 20, 2016, letter. City staff have reviewed all of the project closeout documents as well as the right-of-way maps for accuracy and determined that it is appropriate for the City to proceed with this action to accept the portions of right-of-way being relinquished by Caltrans.

BACKGROUND

Caltrans began construction in February 2006 to widen US Highway 101 from four to six lanes between State Route 12 to Steele Lane in Santa Rosa. The new lanes constructed were northbound and southbound carpool lanes, which added capacity and encouraged ridesharing during peak hours in the corridor. The project widened the Fourth Street Viaduct (spanning over Third, Fourth and Fifth Streets) as well as built the Sixth Street Bridge, widened the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Undercrossing Bridge and the College Avenue Undercrossing bridge. Additionally, an outdated pedestrian overcrossing at Earle Street was removed to accommodate the wider freeway, and four bridges at

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Santa Rosa Creek were widened, while Santa Rosa Creek Trail was enhanced beneath the freeway to improve pedestrian connectivity. A Railroad Undercrossing was widened along State Route 12, as were the connector ramps between US 101 and State Route 12. Finally, sound walls were installed on both sides of US 101 at the interchange with State Route 12 and in the vicinity of College Avenue. Construction was completed in Fall of 2008.

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PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None.

ANALYSIS

Staff from the Real Estate Office and Survey Division have reviewed the documentation associated with the relinquishment request and concurred that the information is accurate and consistent with the original arrangements.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action has no fiscal impact to the City of Santa Rosa.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

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NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Caltrans transmittal letter dated January 20, 2016 and associated enclosures
- Attachment 2 – Relinquishment request email dated May 17, 2019
- Resolution

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