

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: JASON NUTT, DIRECTOR  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
SUBJECT: RELINQUISHMENT OF PORTIONS OF 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET AND  
COLLEGE AVENUE TO CALTRANS – REVISED DOCUMENTS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Department of Transportation and Public Works that Council, by resolution, adopt a resolution to correct previously adopted RES-2019-120 which accepts relinquished portions of 3rd Street and College Avenue from Caltrans associated with the US Highway 101 Widening Project, waives the “Intention to Relinquish” requirement, and authorizes the City Manager or their designee to execute required documents.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 9, 2020, Caltrans notified the City that Caltrans Headquarters and the Federal Highway Administration required that revisions be made to the relinquishment documents approved by Council via RES-2019-120 on August 6, 2019, for portions of 3rd Street and College Avenue that were acquired to complete improvements associated with the US Highway 101 Widening project through downtown Santa Rosa. City staff have reviewed revised maps and related documents provided by Federal and State agencies and determined that it is appropriate for the City to proceed with this action to accept the revised portions of right-of-way being relinquished by Caltrans (Exhibit A to the Resolution).

BACKGROUND

Caltrans began construction in February 2006 to widen US 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 Additionally, an outdated pedestrian overcrossing at Earle Street

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was removed to accommodate the wider freeway, and four bridges at 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, soundwalls 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.

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 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.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On August 6, 2019, Council adopted Resolution 2019-120 accepting right-of-way long portions of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street a College Avenue from Caltrans.

#### ANALYSIS

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#### 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

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environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – RES-2019-120
- Attachment 2 – 2019 Relinquishment Letter
- Resolution/Exhibit A – Revised Maps: Relinquishment No. 56128 and Relinquishment No. 56104

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