CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 03/25/03
AGENDA ITEM 4
WORK SESSION ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: I-880/SR 92 Interchange Alternative H

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached resolution expressing support for Alternative H and early right-of-way acquisition to expedite the project.

DISCUSSION:

In July 2002, following release of the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (SDEIS/R), Caltrans held a public hearing in Hayward for Alternative H of the I-880/SR 92 interchange reconstruction project. As Council is aware, Alterative H was largely developed by the City in response to two Caltrans "build" alternatives, which were unacceptable to the City. Alternative H was endorsed by the Citizens Advisory Committee, which felt that most of the City's previous concerns about the Caltrans alternatives had been addressed.

Subsequently, comments were forwarded to Caltrans identifying a number of concerns with the SDEIS/R, including project definition, ramp metering, traffic impacts during construction, aesthetics of landscaping, soundwalls and pedestrian overcrossing, and expediting the project construction schedule. Given the completion of the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge widening and the potential for increased congestion on city streets, the latter issue is of extreme importance. In order to fully address these concerns, staff indicated a desire to enter into a formal agreement with Caltrans. While not wanting to enter into such an agreement, Caltrans staff has agreed to work closely with the City to reduce and minimize project impacts.

As reported to Council on January 21, 2003, recent developments have a potential impact on Caltrans' ability to complete the interchange project. High sound pressure waves generated by pile driving during the construction of the new Benicia Bridge resulted in a significant impact on fish. The cost for mitigation of this impact and resulting construction delays has caused a $252 million cost increase in the construction of the Benicia Bridge, which creates a major funding shortfall for this project.

According to newspaper articles, one of the funding options under consideration involved transferring funds programmed for the I-880/SR 92 interchange to the Benicia Bridge project. Such a decision would have a significant impact on Hayward, since it could potentially eliminate the I-880/SR 92 project. City staff has been meeting with MTC and Caltrans staff on a regular basis to make certain the funding shortfall is not solved at the expense of the I-880/SR 92

interchange project. Most recently, City staff learned that the MTC believes it can develop a strategy to address the Benicia Bridge problem without affecting the funding allocated for the I-880/SR 92 interchange project. However, it is important for the City to ensure that the I-880/SR 92 project is not delayed, in order to safeguard against potential loss of funding

Because of identified funding issues, it is unlikely that Caltrans will be able to fully address our earlier concerns about the aesthetics of existing soundwalls and landscaping. To provide a potential means of addressing these issues, staff has submitted a $10 million funding request to Congressman Pete Stark's office for a Demonstration Project under the Federal TEA-21 Reauthorization legislation.

One of the City's ongoing concerns has been the delay between the completion of the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge widening project and the completion of the interchange reconstruction project. During presentation of the environmental document, Caltrans had indicated completion of the interchange project was scheduled for June 2009. The City has been concerned that this schedule would result in extending the duration of congestion on city streets. In response, Caltrans is considering an expedited construction approach that would allow early replacement of the Calaroga Road overcrossing under a separate contract to begin April 2004, and would save several months of construction time. Caltrans would also like to begin the required right-of-way acquisition of 12 homes on Peterman Avenue before final environmental approval, scheduled for August 2003. As Caltrans has received numerous inquiries from property owners on timing, early acquisition would eliminate any uncertainty on the project by these residents and give Caltrans more time to complete all the remaining right-of-way work.

In order to pursue this approach, Caltrans desires an expression of support for both Alternative H and an early right-of-way acquisition. Adoption of the attached Resolution would represent this expression and staff recommends its approval. Staff believes it is appropriate to do so, as Caltrans has made significant efforts to address City concerns on the construction delays, and it would offer a sense of certainty to the property owners on Peterman Avenue. Staff will continue to work with Caltrans to address the City's remaining concerns and to insure that the construction and operation of the project has the least impact on the City.

Jesús Armas, City Manager

Attachment: Resolution

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATE H AND EARLY ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE I-880/SR 92 INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, District 4 of the Department of Transportation is in the process of considering Alternative H for the reconstruction of the I-880/SR 92 interchange; and,

WHEREAS, Caltrans, the City, and the I-880/SR 92 Citizen Advisory Committee spent considerable time developing Alternative H, which was not only acceptable to the City, but also accomplished the purpose and need of the project; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of the project requires the full taking of 12 homes on Peterman Avenue; and

WHEREAS, early acquisition of the right-of-way on Peterman Avenue would expedite final completion of the project, reducing traffic impact on the City of Hayward, and would reduce uncertainties for the owners of these 12 homes on Peterman Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires the expedited completion of the project and finds that early acquisition would facilitate construction and completion of the I-880/SR 92 Interchange reconstruction project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward, California, expresses its support for Alternative H and supports the early acquisition of the required parcels. Moreover, given this project's importance to not only the City of Hayward, but to the entire Bay Area, we urge Caltrans to do everything possible to accelerate the construction schedule to minimize impacts on the City.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2003

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS;

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward