



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

March 4, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Rene Guerrero, Interim Public Works Director

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A NEW STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FREEWAY AGREEMENT FOR
STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 71**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A
NEW CALTRANS FREEWAY AGREEMENT FOR STATE HIGHWAY
ROUTE 71**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Adoption of a resolution (Attachment 1) approving subject agreement (Attachment 2) is needed to reset the framework for the California State Route 71 (SR-71) Highway-to-Freeway Gap Conversion project to continue to move forward. It supersedes similar agreements the City previously had with Caltrans for SR-71. Approval of this agreement also does the following:

- *Confirms City approval of street closures (Phillips Dr., North Ranch Rd., and Old Pomona Rd.) and other City streets configurations as shown on Exhibit A to Attachment No. 2;*
- *Provides for separate agreements for funding, construction, right-of-way, etc.; and*
- *Addresses City acceptance of modified City streets for control and maintenance.*

FISCAL IMPACT: None

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION: On June 4, 2012, City Council approved the last similar agreement that provided a contribution of \$282,965 Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) funding toward updating the project report and environmental clearance in order to expedite this Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The SR-71 environmental document revalidation was approved by Caltrans on March 28, 2013 in accordance with Section 15051(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

DISCUSSION: The City has been working with Caltrans with respect to the design and pending construction of the SR-71 Highway-to-Freeway Gap Conversion project (Project) for many years. Thanks in large part to recent passage of Measure M legislation and funding, the final design of this project is now underway and bidding for the first phase of construction is expected to begin around the end of this year (2019). The first phase of this project is expected to be the southerly portion of the SR-71 from the California State Route 60 (SR-60) to Mission Boulevard. The second phase is currently planned to be from Mission Boulevard to Interstate 10 (I-10).

The attached agreement supersedes prior agreements the City has entered into with Caltrans related to SR-71, most recently on October 15, 2012, and as far back as June 6, 1966.

Caltrans has informed City Staff that this agreement is needed for them to continue with their work planned for SR-71. On January 7, 2013, the City Council approved Caltrans planned work for SR-71 shown on Exhibit A to Attachment 2, identified as “(modified*) Alternate 3”, and outlined as follows:

- Widening SR-71 from I-10 to SR-60;
 - New pedestrian bridge to replace the Grier Street bridge;
 - *modified to eliminate new frontage roads (between Phillips and North Ranch Roads), and;
 - No new vehicular crossing bridge
- * The elimination of new frontage roads resulted from noticed public meetings with area residents and property owners.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The City Council has the option to decline approval of the new Freeway Agreement or delay approval in order to renegotiate terms. Either option would jeopardize progress on the project design and award of construction contract for the Project.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2019-XX

Attachment No. 2 – SR-71 Freeway Agreement (with Exhibit A map)