

City Council Staff Report

Date:

March 18, 2015

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject:

ACCEPTANCE OF RELINQUISHMENT OF PROPERTY FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND WAIVING THE 90 DAYS' NOTICE OF INTENTION RELINQUISHMENT, ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERSTATE 10/INDIAN

CANYON DRIVE INTERCHANGE, CITY PROJECT NO. 00-14

From:

David H. Ready, City Manager

Initiated by: Department of Public Works & Engineering

SUMMARY:

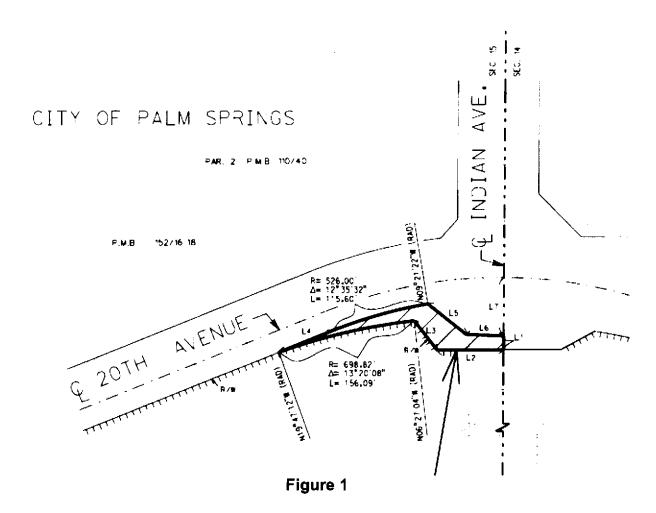
Reconfiguration of the Interstate 10 / Indian Canyon Drive Interchange resulted in the realignment of the California Department of Transportation's ("Caltrans") right of way at the southwest corner of Indian Canyon Drive and 20th Avenue. Caltrans requires relinquishment of the right-of-way to the City of Palm Springs.

RECOMMENDATION:

- . "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE 1. Adopt Resolution No. CITY SPRINGS. PALM CALIFORNIA. ACCEPTING RELINQUISHMENT OF COLLATERAL FACILITIES FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INCORPORATING THE RIGHTS OF WAY INTO THE CITY'S MAINTENANCE REPONSIBILITIES. AND WAIVING THE NINETY DAYS' NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REQLINQUISHMENT. ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERSTATE 10/INDIAN CANYON DRIVE INTERCHANGE, CITY PROJECT NO. 00-14;" and
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Palm Springs and execute associated documents and agreements.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Interstate 10/Indian Canyon Drive Interchange, City Project No. 00-14, (the "Project"), made several improvements to local City streets, including 20th Avenue and Indian Canyon Drive. As part of the Project, the Indian Canyon Drive at 20th Avenue intersection was realigned, leaving excess Caltrans right of way at the southwest corner. Caltrans requires the City to incorporate the excess right-of-way into the City's street system, and has requested the City to facilitate the relinquishment; a copy of the right-of-way relinquishment map is included as **Exhibit** "A" to the Resolution. The right-of-way to be relinquished to the City is a small portion of right-of-way that has already been improved to the City's satisfaction as part of the Project, and there is no reason for the City to object to the relinquishment, which is also shown here as **Figure** 1:



Staff has prepared a Resolution for City Council adoption to authorize the City Manager to facilitate the requested relinquishment of a portion of Caltrans right-of-way to the City of Palm Springs. Section 73 of the California Streets and Highways Code authorizes Caltrans to relinquish rights-of- way that are no longer part of the state highway system to a local agency, subject to a 90-day public noticing period. The proposed Resolution will allow the City to accept the relinquished right-of-way from Caltrans, and waives the 90-day noticing requirement of the Streets and Highway Code for this relinquishment action by Caltrans.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines exempts activities that are covered under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential to cause significant effects on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect upon the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The requested action transfers the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of a portion of public right-of-way from the state of California to the City of Palm Springs, with the use of the land as a public right-of-way unchanged. Therefore, the requested action is considered exempt from CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Accepting a small portion of additional right-of-way from Caltrans transfers to the City an unknown, but minor, additional cost for future maintenance of the associated street improvements. As the Project has been completed and improved the right-of-way to be relinquished to the City, there is no immediate cost to the City associated with accepting the relinquishment at this time.

SUBMITTED

Prepared by:

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Approved by:

David H. Ready, Esq., Ph.D

City Manager

Attachment:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS. CALIFORNIA. ACCEPTING RELINQUISHMENT OF COLLATERAL FACILITIES FROM STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION, INCORPORATING THE RIGHTS OF WAY INTO THE CITY'S MAINTENANCE REPONSIBILITIES. AND WAIVING THE NINETY DAYS' NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REQLINQUISHMENT. ASSOCIATED INTERSTATE WITH THE 10/INDIAN CANYON DRIVE INTERCHANGE, CITY PROJECT NO. 00-14

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 73 of the California Streets and Highway Code, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) may relinquish any frontage or service road, which has a right of way of 40 feet or more in width, or non-motorized transportation facility, within the limits of a city or county, which has been constructed as part of a State highway project but does not constitute a part of a main travelled roadway, provided the city or county has adopted a resolution consenting to the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) desires to relinquish to the City of Palm Springs (City) one segment of Caltrans right-of-way shown on the Map of Proposed Relinquishment to the City of Palm Springs, Request No. 494-R (2 sheets) which is included as "Exhibit A" to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the segment of right-of-way were previously acquired for the purposes of constructing the Interstate 10 freeway, but do not now constitute a part of the state highway; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to accept the relinquishment of this segment of right-of-way upon approval of the relinquishment by the CTC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1806(b) of the California Streets and Highway Code, the City accepts the portion of the roadway into the City street system; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to waive the ninety (90) days' notice of "Intention to Relinquish" requirement contained in Section 73 of the California Streets and Highway; and

WHEREAS, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines exempts activities that are covered under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential to cause significant effects on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity in question

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may have a significant effect upon the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution transfers the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of a portion of public right-of-way from the state of California to the City of Palm Springs, with the use of the land as a public right-of-way unchanged, and is therefore, considered exempt from CEQA in accordance with said Section 15061(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 73 of the California Streets and Highway Code, the California Transportation Commission may relinquish a portion of state highway to a city upon the City Council's adoption of a resolution consenting thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code 65402, the acceptance of the segment of excess right-of-way from Caltrans depicted on "Exhibit A" is not subject to the requirements for submittal to and reporting upon by the City of Palm Springs Planning Commission as to conformity with the City's adopted general plan as the relinquishment of right-of-way is the result of an alignment project, and is considered to be of a minor nature.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The above recitals are all true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings.
- Section 2. The City Council of the City of Palm Springs does hereby accept the fee interest in the segment of right-of-way depicted in "Exhibit A" from Caltrans and hereby incorporates it into the City street system.
- Section 3. The City Council of the City of Palm Springs does hereby finds that the provisions of Government Code Section 65402 are inapplicable to this real property transfer because it involves a minor street alignment, and the City Council hereby waives the ninety (90) days' notice of "Intention to Relinquish" requirement contained in Section 73 of the California Streets and Highway Code.
- Section 4. The City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs is hereby authorized and directed to execute the appropriate acceptance of the relinquished right-of-way segment for and on behalf of the City of Palm Springs.
- Section 5. The City Manager of the City of Palm Springs is hereby authorized to execute and approve required agreements or documents facilitating the relinquishment of the segment of right-of-way.

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ADOPTED THIS 18th day of March, 20	15.
	David H. Ready, City Manager
ATTEST:	
	
James Thompson, City Clerk	
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss. CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)	
Resolution No is a full, true and	f the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify tha correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regula ty of Palm Springs on March 18, 2015, by the
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