



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 17, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR RELINQUISHMENT OF A PORTION OF BRISTOL STREET AND RED HILL AVENUE

DATE: APRIL 5, 2007

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ERNESTO MUNOZ, CITY ENGINEER

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 07-__ (Attachment 1) to accept the request of the State of California to relinquish the right-of-way of a portion of Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue (Attachment 2).
2. Approve the Cooperative Agreement (Attachment 3) between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Costa Mesa for relinquishment of a portion of Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue (Attachment 2); and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Cooperative Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

A segment of Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue, as shown on Attachment 2, are currently under the jurisdiction of Caltrans. These segments were part of State Route 73 system, SR 73, prior to and during the construction of the 73 freeway.

In accordance with California Streets and Highway Codes, Caltrans is requesting that the City accept the relinquishment of excess right-of-way of SR 73, as well as segments of Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue, which are owned by Caltrans and which are within the City of Costa Mesa, as shown on Attachment 2, since they no longer function as part of the freeway system.

ANALYSIS:

In order for the City to include the excess right-of-way of SR 73, and Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue, as part of the City street system, staff has worked with Caltrans to determine the costs to place these segments of the roads in a state of good repair. After many field reviews and meetings, including a pavement study conducted by Caltrans, the cost to perform the necessary work was determined to be \$592,000 (Attachment 4).

In lieu of performing the work, Caltrans is willing to pay the City this amount in a lump sum payment upon approval and recordation of the California Transportation Commission's

(CTC) Resolution of Relinquishment. Upon receipt of the funds, the City can then budget for a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to rehabilitate those portions of Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue in need of immediate repair and place the remaining funds, if any, in an account for future maintenance of the roadway.

Construction items used to determine the \$592,000, as shown on Attachment 4, included grinding and paving the streets with asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM), removal and reconstruction of damaged curb, gutter, driveway and sidewalks, upgrading ramps per the latest criteria, re-striping and installation of traffic loops.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City Council may select to not approve the Resolution and the Cooperative Agreement. If the Council does not approve the agreement and the resolution, the City would not be voluntarily accepting the relinquishment and funding that is associated with it, and Caltrans may attempt to abandon the roadway without the payment of the amount of funding necessary to repair the roadway. Therefore, this alternative is not recommended.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Staff estimates the annual maintenance cost for the subject portions of Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue will be \$15,000 - \$20,000 (in 2007 dollars).

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's office has reviewed and approved the cooperative agreement and the resolution as to form.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution No. 07-__ (Attachment 1) to accept the request of the State of California to relinquish the excess right-of-way of a portion of Bristol Street and Red Hill Avenue as shown on Attachment 2, and execute the Cooperative Agreement (Attachment 3) between the State of California Department of Transportation and the City for the proposed relinquishment.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1- [Resolution](#)
2- [Map of Proposed Relinquishment](#)
3- [Cooperative Agreement](#)
4- [Cost Estimates](#)