



**Item #14-4-5
Action**

Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

March 27, 2014

Consideration of AB 1957 – State Highway Route 16

Issue: Should SACOG support AB 1957, which would relinquish portions of Highway 16 to the City of Sacramento and County of Sacramento?

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Board support AB 1957.

Discussion: AB 1957 (Dickinson) would authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish to the City of Sacramento the portion of State Highway Route 16 that is located within its city limits and to relinquish to the County of Sacramento a specified portion of State Highway Route 16 that is located within the unincorporated area of that county as defined in the legislation.

The City of Sacramento and County of Sacramento are seeking relinquishment from the State to the two local agencies for a portion of Highway 16 between Howe Avenue and Watt Avenue in order to accommodate growth in the corridor. Approximately 55,000 new dwelling units and 19 million square feet of commercial space are planned, which would transform the rural nature of the state highway to an urban arterial. Local control of this corridor would allow for improved roadway design, including complete streets and signalization, which would be more appropriate for the urbanizing area.

The City of Sacramento supports AB 1957. The County of Sacramento is supportive of relinquishment and intends to support AB 1957. Caltrans and the Metro Chamber also support relinquishment. There are no opponents on record, although Amador County Transportation Commission has expressed concern in the past about increased travel times by lowering speed limits or signalization. The bill is before the Assembly Transportation Committee, but a hearing is not presently scheduled.

Approved by:

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Chief Executive Officer

Attachment

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 6, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1957

Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Lowenthal~~ Dickinson

February 19, 2014

An act to amend Section 316 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to state highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1957, as amended, ~~Lowenthal~~ Dickinson. State Highway Route 16.

Existing law gives the Department of Transportation full possession and control of all state highways. Existing law describes the authorized routes in the state highway system and establishes a process for adoption of a highway on an authorized route by the California Transportation Commission. Existing law authorizes the commission to relinquish certain state highway segments to local agencies.

This bill would authorize the commission to relinquish to the City of Sacramento the portion of State Highway Route 16 that is located within the city limits of that city, and to relinquish to the County of Sacramento ~~the~~ a specified portion of State Highway Route 16 that is located within the unincorporated area of that county, under certain conditions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 316 of the Streets and Highways Code
2 is amended to read:

1 316. (a) Route 16 is from:

2 (1) Route 20 to Route 5 near Woodland via Rumsey and
3 Woodland.

4 (2) Watt Avenue to Route 49 near Drytown.

5 (b) Upon a determination by the commission that it is in the
6 best interests of the state to do so, the commission may, upon terms
7 and conditions approved by it, relinquish to the City of Sacramento
8 the portion of Route 16 that is located within the city limits of that
9 city if the city agrees to accept it. The following conditions shall
10 apply upon relinquishment:

11 (1) The relinquishment shall become effective on the date
12 following the county recorder's recordation of the relinquishment
13 resolution containing the commission's approval of the terms and
14 conditions of the relinquishment.

15 (2) On and after the effective date of the relinquishment, the
16 relinquished portion of Route 16 shall cease to be a state highway.

17 (3) The portion of Route 16 relinquished under this subdivision
18 shall be ineligible for future adoption under Section 81.

19 (4) For the portion of Route 16 relinquished under this
20 subdivision, the City of Sacramento shall apply for approval of a
21 business route designation for the relinquished portion of the
22 highway in accordance with Chapter 20, Topic 21, of the Highway
23 Design Manual.

24 (5) For the portion of Route 16 relinquished under this
25 subdivision, the City of Sacramento shall install and maintain
26 within its jurisdiction signs directing motorists to the continuation
27 of Route 16 to the east.

28 (6) The City of Sacramento shall maintain the Surface
29 Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) truck route designation for
30 the portion of Route 16 relinquished that previously held that
31 designation.

32 (c) Upon a determination by the commission that it is in the best
33 interests of the state to do so, the commission may, upon terms
34 and conditions approved by it, relinquish to the County of
35 Sacramento the portion of Route 16 that is located within the
36 unincorporated area of that county, *east of the City of Sacramento*
37 *boundary and west of Watt Avenue*, if the county agrees to accept
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