



**SACOG Board of Directors**

April 9, 2015

**Approve Support for AB 652 – State Highway Route 16 Relinquishment**

**Issue:** Should SACOG support AB 652, which would relinquish a portion of Highway 16 to the County of Sacramento?

**Recommendation:** The Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommends that the Board support AB 652 and authorize the CEO to support any amendments agreed to by member jurisdictions along the corridor.

**Committee Action/Discussion:** At the Committee meeting, SACOG staff informed the Committee that this bill might be heard on April 13, before the SACOG Board has time to act, and so staff recommended using the advocacy procedures for taking a position on urgent matters. Since that time, the Assembly Transportation Committee has pushed back the hearing date, and so this item is following the normal advocacy procedures for full board action.

Over the past several years, the City of Sacramento and County of Sacramento have been seeking relinquishment from the State to the two local agencies for a portion of Highway 16 in order to accommodate growth in the corridor. Last year, the Governor signed AB 1957 (Dickinson), which authorized the California Transportation Commission to relinquish the portion from within the city limits and east to Watt Avenue. SACOG supported AB 1957.

AB 652 (Cooley) would further authorize relinquishment of the segment from Watt Avenue to Grant Line Road. The jurisdictions along the corridor within the County of Sacramento are working on potential modifications to the authorization to coordinate land use and transportation plans. The County of Sacramento is also working with the County of Amador, and Caltrans Districts 3 and 10 to address potential impacts to the portion of Highway 16 east of the proposed relinquishment. 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.

AB 652 is sponsored by the County of Sacramento, and is supported by the Metro Chamber. 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 has not been set.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever  
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

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**ASSEMBLY BILL****No. 652**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cooper and McCarty)**

February 24, 2015

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

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 652, as introduced, Cooley. State Highway Route 16: relinquishment: County of Sacramento.

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.

Existing law authorizes the commission to relinquish to the County of Sacramento the portion of State Highway Route 16 that is located within the unincorporated area of the county, east of the City of Sacramento boundary and west of Watt Avenue, under certain conditions.

This bill would extend this authorization to the portion of State Highway Route 16 that is east of the City of Sacramento boundary and west of Grant Line Road. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature in this regard.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature that the County  
2 of Sacramento notify and consult with the Amador County  
3 Transportation Commission, the Counties of Amador, Calaveras,  
4 and Alpine, the Cities of Plymouth, Amador City, Sutter Creek,  
5 and Jackson, and other relevant parties about any proposed  
6 relinquishment of Route 16 to the County of Sacramento as  
7 provided in this act.

8 SEC. 2. Section 316 of the Streets and Highways Code is  
9 amended to read:

10 316. (a) Route 16 is from:

11 (1) Route 20 to Route 5 near Woodland via Rumsey and  
12 Woodland.

13 (2) Route 50 near Perkins to Route 49 near Drytown.

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

20 (1) The relinquishment shall become effective on the date  
21 following the county recorder's recordation of the relinquishment  
22 resolution containing the commission's approval of the terms and  
23 conditions of the relinquishment.

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

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

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

33 (5) For the portion of Route 16 relinquished under this  
34 subdivision, the City of Sacramento shall install and maintain  
35 within its jurisdiction signs directing motorists to the continuation  
36 of Route 16 to the east.

37 (6) The City of Sacramento shall maintain the Surface  
38 Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) truck route designation for

1 the portion of Route 16 relinquished that previously held that  
2 designation.

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