

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: September 24-25, 2003

Reference No.: 2.3b.  
Action Item

From: ROBERT L. GARCIA  
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Dolores Valls  
Acting Chief  
Division of Design

Ref: NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION, 07-VEN-101 AT SPRINGVILLE DRIVE,  
KP 27.0 (PM 16.8), RESOLUTION S-723.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for transmittal to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) are Resolution S-723 and a map of the location on State Highway Route 101. The City of Camarillo has requested approval of a New Public Road Connection (NPRC) to Route 101 at proposed Springville Drive. Pursuant to Section 100.2 of the Streets and Highways Code, no local road shall be connected with any freeway or controlled access highway until the Commission adopts a resolution consenting thereto. It is recommended that the Commission approve Resolution S-723 in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. The resolution grants approval of a new public road connection as an interchange, at Kilometer Post 27.0 (PM 16.8).

The City of Camarillo approved the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) on June 23, 1999, and the Commission approved the FEIR for Future Consideration of a New Public Road Connection on August 14, 2003. The final Project Report was approved on March 17, 2000, following review and consideration of the FEIR. The May, 2003 Addendum Environmental Impact Report found that the FEIR complies with new environmental regulations adopted after its approval, that the conclusions of the FEIR are still valid, and that a Supplemental EIR is not necessary.

Recommended by:   
BRENT FELKER, Chief Engineer

**BACKGROUND**

State Highway Route 101 was adopted into the system as a freeway by the California Highway Commission on January 17, 1951. On March 17, 2000, the Department of Transportation approved the final Project Report selecting the preferred alternative for construction of a new interchange approximately mid-way between existing interchanges at Central Avenue and Las Posas Road. The purpose and need of the project is to mitigate current and predicted traffic congestion on the Route 101 corridor and on local circulation routes, providing more direct access to the areas north and south of the freeway, including the Camarillo Airport. The Camarillo General Plan Land Use Element and Circulation Element include the proposed interchange along with new and realigned arterial streets. The proposed interchange and arterial network will accommodate the Land Use Element while maintaining acceptable traffic levels of service (LOS) specified in the plan not to exceed LOS-D for short periods during peak hours.

The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) evaluated the proposed interchange, local arterial circulation network, and city Annexation Number 83. The FEIR was certified by the City acting as lead agency, on June 23, 1999, documenting the need and purpose of proposed improvements along with the potential impacts and mitigation. This request was delayed as a result of the City's need to resolve right of way acquisition and relocation issues before Commission action on the NPRC. In May, 2003, an Addendum Environmental Impact Report (Addendum) was issued by the Department evaluating the proposed interchange and recent minor design modifications for current compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Addendum found that since the FEIR was approved, there have been no significant design changes to the project that would require new analysis, cause adverse impacts, or cause the conclusions of the previous FEIR to be invalid. The proposed project complies with the new environmental regulations adopted after the approval of the FEIR.

The Springville Drive (formerly Airport North) interchange construction project is estimated at \$20 million and is funded 100% by Camarillo's Traffic Mitigation Fee and Bridge Policy Fee programs.

**PROPOSAL**

The project proposes to construct a new interchange on State Highway Route 101, a six lane freeway, at Springville Drive (formerly Airport North).

**COORDINATION**

A Fact Sheet for Exception to Mandatory Design Standards was approved by the Design Coordinator on August 28, 2002. On August 14, 2003, the Commission's Resolution #E-03-20 approved the FEIR for Future Consideration of New Public Road Connection. A Superseding Freeway Agreement between the Department and the City of Camarillo has been prepared and will be executed by the Department upon approval of this proposed New Public Road Connection. Consistent with the Access Control Policy published in the Project Development Procedures Manual, Chapter 26, Article 2, the preponderance of the benefit from this new interchange has been determined to go to the State and the public at large.

**CONCLUSION**

This new public road connection is needed to help mitigate congestion on State Route 101 and to provide access to the Camarillo Airport and surrounds. This new connection is in the best interest of the public.

Attachments: Resolution S-723, Area of Interest Map, Exhibit A Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Resolution Authorizing A New Public Road Connection  
07-VEN-101 At Springville Drive, KP 27.0 (PM 16.8)**

**Resolution S-723**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camarillo has requested approval of a new public road connection at Springville Drive on State Route 101 (US-101); and

**WHEREAS**, the City as lead agency has approved a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) on June 23, 1999, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation has issued an Addendum Environmental Impact Report validating the FEIR in May, 2003, and

**WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission has approved the FEIR for Consideration of future new public road connection on August 14, 2003, and

**WHEREAS**, the project will not have major impacts on the environment, and mitigation has been proposed and approved for impacts considered less than major; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project Report was approved, consistent with the alternative recommended in the FEIR, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camarillo and the State have entered into a superseding Freeway Agreement reflecting the proposed new connection, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the California Transportation Commission that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby authorize a new public road connection to State Route 101, a.k.a. United States Highway 101, at Springville Drive, KP 27.0 (PM 16.8) in the City of Camarillo.



