

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289938

ADOPTED ON APR 07 1998

WHEREAS, in March of this year, SANDAG recommended \$47.439 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for the completion of State Route 56 (SR-56) which will connect I-5 and I-15 by linking portions of the freeway already built in Carmel Valley and Rancho Peñasquitos; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be added to approximately \$42 million local funding to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, as part of a separate project, southbound connector ramps (linking SR-56 west with I-5 south and I-5 north with SR-56 east) are currently under construction by Caltrans and are due to open in May of this year; and

WHEREAS, northbound ramps connecting SR-56 west to I-5 north and I-5 south with SR56 east are anticipated but unplanned at this point and likewise ramps connecting SR-56 to I-15 are needed; and

WHEREAS, SR56 could be completed as early as the year 2000/2001 creating an urgent need to plan and seek funding for these ramps connecting SR-56 to I-5 & I-15; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive consideration for year 2000 STIP funding, a project must have completed two preliminary planning reports: a Project Study Report (PSR) and a Project Report/Environmental Document (PR/ED); and

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of SB45 in 1997, Caltrans would undertake these preliminary studies with discretionary funds it received directly from the state for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, under SB45, funding to complete preliminary planning is now allocated through the local STIP process; and

WHEREAS, in late 1997, Caltrans had committed to completing a Project Study Report for the northbound ramps using their discretionary funds; and

WHEREAS, now, however, with SB45 in force, it is necessary for SANDAG to allocate funding to Caltrans for the completion of the PR/ED for the northbound ramps and both the PSR & PR/ED for the ramps at I-15; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has given a project cost estimate of \$2.1 million to complete the PR/ED for both connections at I-5 & I-15; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the City Manager is directed to submit a letter to SANDAG on the City's behalf prior to April 10, 1998 asking that they give priority consideration for the PR/ED for the ramps at I-5 & I-15 using any available reserve funding or new transportation revenues including RSTP funding sought by Caltrans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action does not change previously submitted city priorities for STIP funding such as I-905 or SR56, which have been addressed in the 1998 STIP.

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