

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 10-11, 2003

Reference No.: 2.3a.
Action Item

From: ROBERT L. GARCIA
Chief Financial Officer

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Chief
Division of Design

Subject: **ROUTE ADOPTION, 4-ALA-84 KP 38.0/46.3 (PM 23.6/28.8)**
Resolution HRA 03-05

RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for transmittal to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) is Highway Route Adoption Resolution HRA 03-05 and the map of a location for the State Route 84. The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission approve the resolution and the route location map in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. This resolution adopts an 8.3-kilometer (5.2 mile) location for State Route 84 in the City of Livermore (City), County of Alameda (County), as a controlled access highway.

A Transfer and Relinquishment Report was approved on November 17, 2003. A Categorical Exemption (CE) has been approved for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on November 7, 2003.

Recommended by: _____
BRENT FELKER
Chief Engineer

Background

The portion of State Route 84 (SR 84), from I-680 to I-580, was added to the State Highway System in 1933. The entire route was brought into the Freeway and Expressway System in 1959. On November 22, 1960, the Commission adopted an alignment for SR 84 that generally extends along Isabel Avenue from Vallecitos Road connecting to I-580 in the vicinity of Collier Canyon Road.

SR 84 and I-580 through the City serve as a critical east-west link between the Bay Area and the Central Valley. SR 84, I-680 and I-580 are identified in the Alameda County Congestion Management Plan as routes of regional significance.

In November 1986, the Alameda County Transportation Authority was created by voter mandate to collect a half-cent sales tax and administer a program to construct projects listed in the Expenditure Plan. The measure B Transportation Improvement Program provided an incentive to complete a traversable route on the Isabel Avenue corridor from Vallecitos Road to I-580.

Proposal

The proposed project would transfer the location of SR 84 from the current alignment through downtown Livermore to the Isabel Avenue Corridor. The old alignment will be concurrently relinquished to the City. The Categorical Exemption was approved on November 7, 2003 with the Transfer and Relinquishment Report approved on November 17, 2003.

Since August of 2000, the City and the Department have been in discussion to formally transfer and relinquish these facilities. The relinquishment of existing SR 84 through downtown Livermore is part of the City's General Plan and Circulation Element. Revitalizing the downtown area is currently the City's top priority. The relinquishment will enhance non-motorized transportation and foster commercial, retail and residential uses. The benefit to the Department is that the proposed corridor and facility can be upgraded to the desired expressway standard with significantly less impact than the current traversable highway through downtown Livermore. Given the funding commitment by the local agencies to widen and upgrade the Isabel Avenue Corridor to expressway standards it is in the best interest of the traveling public to transfer the highway location. This corridor also provides for a more direct connection to I-580. The City would like ownership of the facility transferred as soon as possible to begin their improvements to the downtown corridor.

The existing alignment through the City is built to conventional highway standards. The Isabel Avenue Corridor is generally built to expressway standards. The alignment along the Isabel Avenue Corridor will be adopted as a controlled access highway from Vallecitos Road to Airway Boulevard. The portion of the route that runs along Airway Boulevard will be adopted as a traversable highway. Airway Boulevard will be used as an interim connection to I-580 until the Isabel Avenue extension and new I-580 interchange is built.

Once the new I-580 interchange is built a request will go to the Commission to adopt the new Isabel Avenue extension to I-580. The Tri-Valley Transportation Council Strategic Expenditure Plan has programmed and funded the future Isabel Avenue, Route 84/I-580 Interchange. The project is funded by Measure B, Regional Improvement Program and Transportation Enhancement Activities-21 funds. Environmental clearance is anticipated in late 2004 and construction is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

A Route 84 Widening project is under development and is identified in the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority Strategic Plan. The limits of the project are from I-580 south along Isabel Avenue to Vallecitos Road. \$75,000,000 in funding has been earmarked.

The City waived the 90-day notice of "Intention to Relinquish." The Department and the City have negotiated that, while the Department will continue to maintain that part of SR 84 in a state of good repair until the date of relinquishment, that the City, for the amount of \$5,000,000 for specific improvements and betterments, will accept the relinquishment of this portion of SR 84. A supplemental Project Scope Summary Report (PSSR) was approved on September 13, 2001 stating that the monies will not be made payable earlier than FY 05-06. The improvements defined in the Supplemental PSSR were submitted as a candidate project for the 2002 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). \$7.604 million is programmed in the FY 05-06 in the 2002 SHOPP.

Following the recording of the Commission's resolution, for parcels with clear title, deeds transferring title from the City to the Department will be recorded. It is anticipated for the remaining parcels, transfer of title from the City to the Department will be accomplished no later than two years.

Coordination

- Fact sheets for mandatory and advisory design standards were approved on November 14, 2003. \$30,000,000 has been identified for the corridor utility relocations. A funding plan has been developed in partnership with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, Alameda County Congestion management Agency, Tri-Valley Transportation Council and the City of Livermore.
- This document has been prepared in conformance with the CEQA to address potential impacts of the proposed SR 84 adoption.
- A Cooperative Agreement and a Maintenance Agreement will be executed between the City and the Department prior to the December 10, 2003 meeting.
- A new controlled access highway agreement will have to be executed following route adoption approval.

Conclusion

The proposed adoption of the new freeway location for this portion of SR 84 is considered to be in the best interest of the public.

Attachments

Resolution HRA 03-05
Route Adoption Map

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution Adopting A Controlled Access Highway Location
4-ALA-84 KP 38.0/46.3 (PM 23.6/28.8)

Resolution HRA 03-05

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, with input on the project from the City of Livermore, has completed studies and approved of the public hearing process relative to the adopted State Route 84, in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda; and

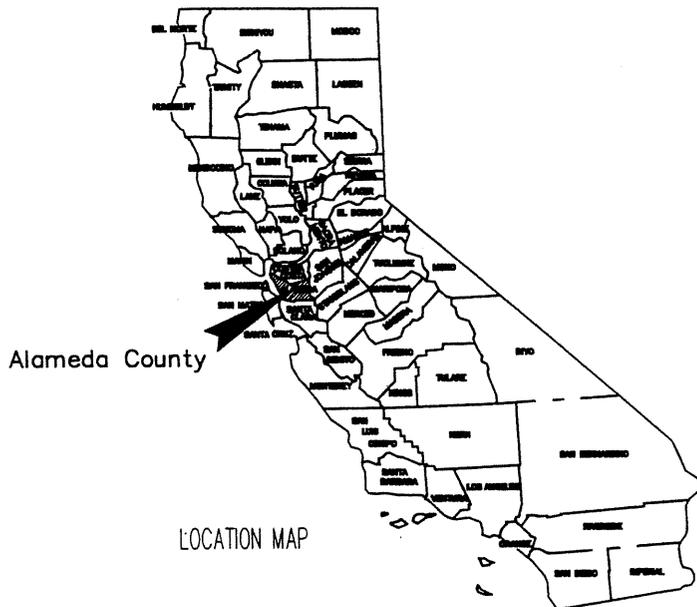
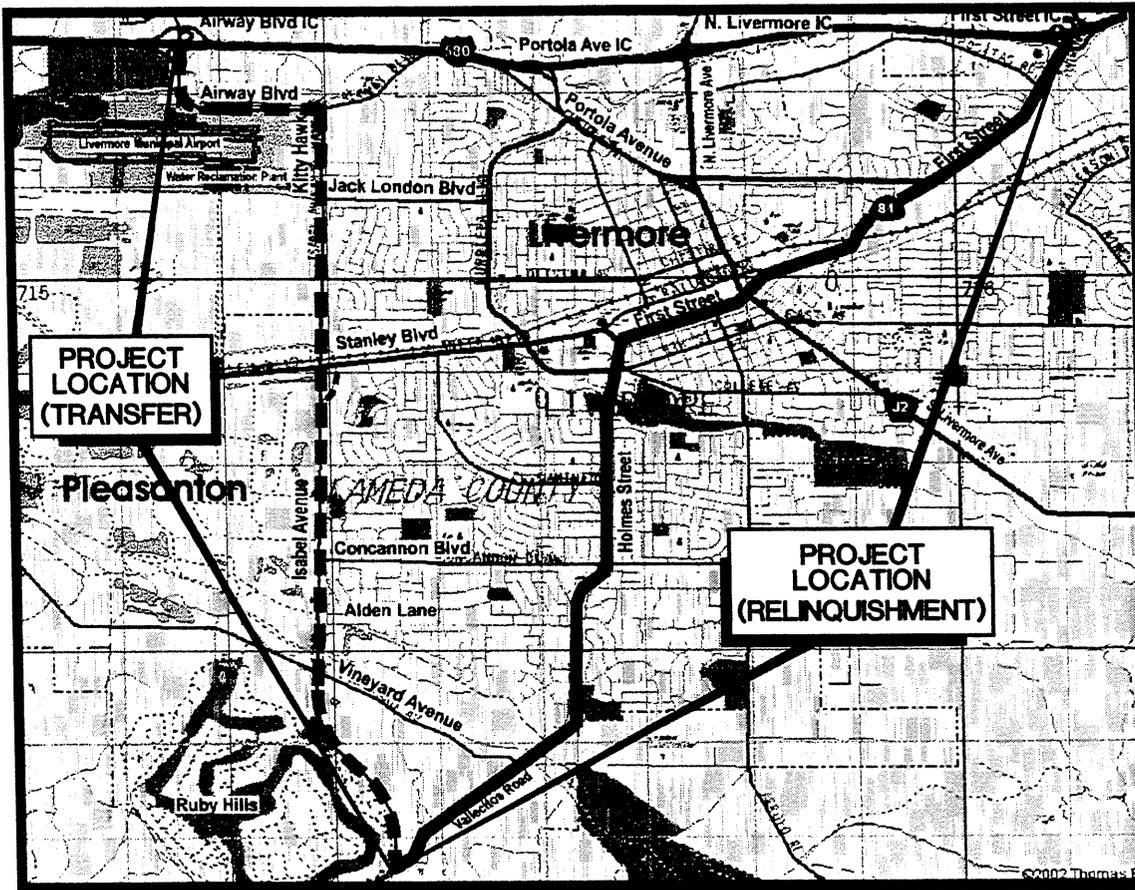
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has completed a Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the project will have no effects on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) that pursuant to the authority vested in it by law, this Commission does hereby select, adopt and determine the location of that segment of State Route 84, from Vallecitos Road north to Airway Boulevard, east on Airway Boulevard to I-580, in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, and officially designated as 4-ALA-84, as said location is shown on the map submitted on December 1, 2003 by Mark Leja, Chief, Division of Design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this segment of State Route 84 be adopted as a Controlled Access Highway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission has found and determined and hereby declares that the location of said State highway is for the best interest of the State.



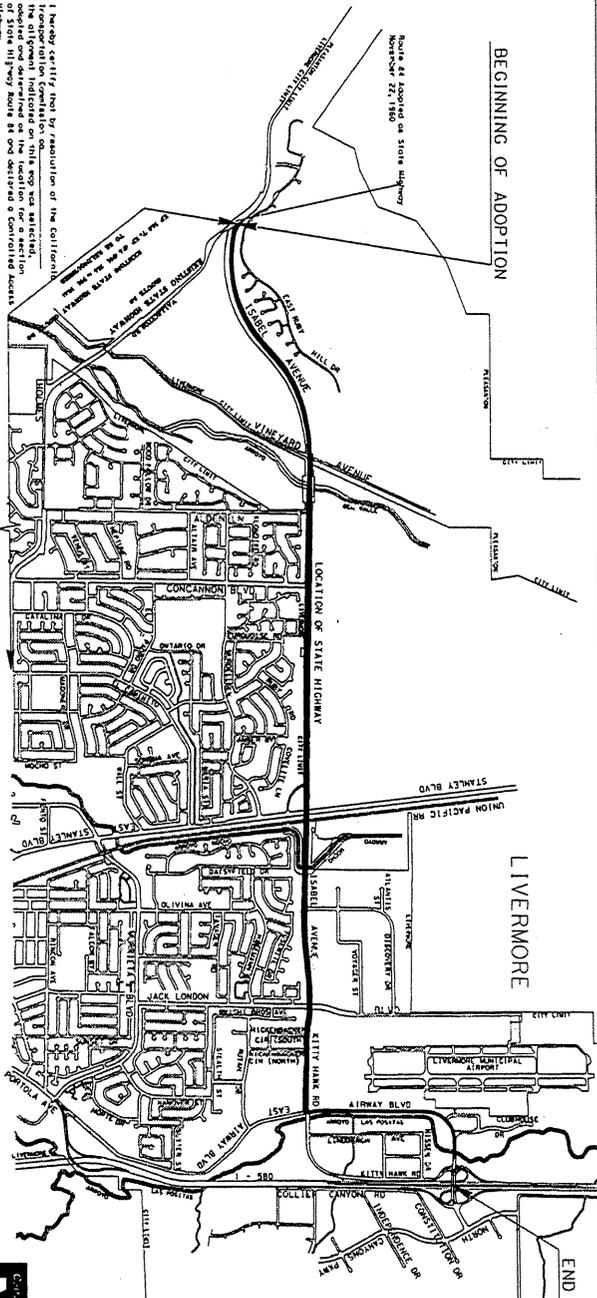
04-ALA-84

ROUTE ADOPTION AREA OF INTEREST MAP

BEGINNING OF ADOPTION

LIVERMORE

END OF ADOPTION



Route 480 located on State Highway
November 22, 1950

I hereby certify that by resolution of the California Transportation Commission on this map was selected, the allignment indicated on this map was selected, in accordance with the provisions of the California Highway Act of 1941, Chapter 1077, Statutes of the State of California, and that the route shown on this map is a controlled access highway.

Attest:
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission



SCALE
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOCATION OF
STATE HIGHWAY

IN THE CITY OF LIVERMORE
BETWEEN VALLEJITOS ROAD ROUTE 840 AND INTERSTATE 580
A CONTROLLED
ACCESS HIGHWAY
SHEET NO. 1
IN ALAMEDA CO., NP 38,074,6,3 (PV 23,672R,81)

I hereby certify that this map was prepared pursuant to and under my direction and is a true and correct copy of the original as prepared State Highway Route 480.
Submitted:
Chief Design Engineer
Civil Engineer License No. _____