

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: November 2-3, 2005

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Action Item

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Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION, 11-IMP-86 KP 30.88 (PM 19.19) and KP 31.12 (PM 19.34) Resolution S-726**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the attached Resolution S-726. The resolution approves a new public road connection to State Route 86 in the City of Brawley, in the County of Imperial. Pursuant to Section 100.2 of the Streets and Highways Code, no local road shall be connected with any freeway until the Commission adopts a resolution consenting thereto.

The Project Study Report/Project Report was approved on August 15, 2005. A Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion has been approved for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on April 28, 2005.

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_  
RICHARD LAND  
Chief Engineer

### **Background**

This section of State Route 86 was adopted as a Freeway in 1945. A Freeway Agreement had never been executed in the City of Brawley. This section of State Route 86 was recently denominated to Controlled Access Highway (CAH) in 2005. It is a four-lane highway with paved shoulders and a median. Access to the lands on the east and west side of State Route 86 has been identified by the City of Brawley to facilitate the implementation of the City's redevelopment plan and is consistent with the General Plan circulation element.

The Department approved a Project Study Report/Project Report on August 15, 2005.

In May of 2003, the Commission approved the 78/111 Route Adoption, a Controlled Access Highway bypass around the City of Brawley. Once constructed this will alleviate traffic impacts in the downtown area of Brawley and accommodate increased regional and interregional traffic due to the North American Free Trade Agreement. This will divert heavier traffic away from the downtown area off of State Route 86 and improve safety and relieve congestion.

### **Proposal**

The project proposes to construct new at grade connections to Panno Road and on the east side of State Route 86 at Legion Road in the City of Brawley. There is a current connection at Legion Road to the west side of State Route 86.

The total cost of construction is \$1,320,000 and will be funded by the City of Brawley and developer funds. This project is tentatively scheduled for construction in the spring of 2006.

### **Coordination**

There are no nonstandard design features.

A new Controlled Access Highway agreement was signed by the City of Brawley on September 20, 2005 and will be executed by the Department after Commission approval of the new connection.

The City of Brawley has adopted a resolution requesting public road access to Route 86 as described above.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed new public road connection is considered to be in the best interest of the public.

Attachments

Resolution S-726

Vicinity Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Resolution Authorizing A New Public Road Connection  
11-IMP-86 KP 30.88 (PM 19.19) and KP 31.12 (PM 19.34)**

**Resolution S-726**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brawley has requested approval of new public road connections at Legion Road and Panno Road to State Route 86; and

**WHEREAS**, a Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion has been approved in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**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 new public road connections to State Route 86 at Legion Road and Panno Road, KP 30.88 (PM 19.19) and KP 31.12 (PM 19.34) in the City of Brawley, County of Imperial; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that cost of construction and right of way shall be borne by others.

# Vicinity Map Imp 86, City of Brawley

