

Capital SouthEast Connector Board of Directors

Item #4
Motion

February 13, 2015

Resolutions of Support from the JPA and Member Jurisdictions for Securing Federal Assistance for the Connector Programs through the Reauthorization of Federal Surface Transportation Programs including the Connector in new Federal Transportation Legislation

Issue: To support the submission of a request to the Region's Congressional Delegation to obtain direct, or indirect, assistance for the Capital SouthEast Connector Project through the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board 1) pass a Resolution of Support for Congress to specifically include language and funding for the Capital SouthEast Connector Project in the next Federal Transportation Bill; 2) direct staff to meet with the local area delegation in support of that measure; 3) direct staff to work with member jurisdictions and their respective governmental relations staff to obtain similar resolutions of support from each member agency's governing body.

Background: The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) is a funding and authorization bill to govern United States federal surface transportation spending. It was passed by Congress on June 29, 2012, and President Barack Obama signed it on July 6, 2012. The law expired in September, 2014 but an eight-month extension of the bill was passed in August and is set to expire May 31, 2015.

It is unknown if additional time extensions of MAP-21 will be introduced, or if new long-term legislation will be authored. However, eventually a more comprehensive legislative package will need to be considered by Congress in order to stabilize the Highway Trust Fund. This fund has historically been used exclusively to fund the Federal Transportation Program but has recently become seriously underfunded by a decline of its primary revenue source: the Federal Gas Tax.

Discussion: Members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate are set to begin drafting policy provisions for a potential long-term federal transportation bill. Now is the appropriate time to engage with the region's congressional delegation to secure federal assistance for the Capital SouthEast Connector through the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs. Staff will work with our local delegations' legislative staff to seek out the appropriate avenues in a new transportation bill which would result in the specific inclusion of the Connector as a project of high regional priority. It is also considered appropriate to request a similar Resolution be approved by the JPA members governing bodies. Attached is a sample Resolution for member jurisdictions' use and passage. Staff will also work with regional civic groups, such as Chambers of Commerce and private business organizations to support this action. Updates to the progress of this action will be provided to the Board as appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tom Zlotkowski
Executive Director



Item #4
Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR AUTHORITY
TO PURSUE ALL MEANS POSSIBLE TO SECURE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE
REAUTHORIZATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE CAPITAL
SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project is the Sacramento region's largest single transportation project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the economic interest of the State of California and the United States to invest in nationally and regionally significant infrastructure, create jobs in near and long term, and improve the quality of life for hard-working families and businesses who rely on major highways to access employment, customers, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project has, to date, been funded primarily through a Sacramento County sales-tax measure approved in 2004 by 75 percent of voters; and

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project will create more than 25,000 direct and indirect jobs, generate \$1 billion of new labor income, increase the gross regional product by more than \$1.6 billion, and generate more than \$180 million in new indirect business tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project has developed a program development budget that requires the use of Federal and State funds to advance the project towards timely construction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Capital SouthEast Connector supports working with the regions congressional delegation to obtain direct, or indirect, assistance for the Capital SouthEast Connector Project through the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-XX (SAMPLE)

**RESOLUTION OF THE (MEMBER JURISDICTIONS GOVERNING BOARD/COUNCIL)
TO PURSUE ALL MEANS POSSIBLE TO SECURE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE
REAUTHORIZATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE CAPITAL
SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project is the Sacramento region's largest single transportation project; and

WHEREAS, the (CITY/COUNTY) is a Member Jurisdiction of the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA and supports the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the economic interest of the State of California and the United States to invest in nationally and regionally significant infrastructure, create jobs in near and long term, and improve the quality of life for hard-working families and businesses who rely on major highways to access employment, customers, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project has, to date, been funded primarily through a Sacramento County sales-tax measure approved in 2004 by 75 percent of voters; and

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project will create more than 25,000 direct and indirect jobs, generate \$1 billion of new labor income, increase the gross regional product by more than \$1.6 billion, and generate more than \$180 million in new indirect business tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Capital SouthEast Connector Project has developed a program development budget that requires the use of Federal and State funds to advance the project towards timely construction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the (MEMBER JURISDICTIONS GOVERNING BOARD/COUNCIL) supports working with the regions congressional delegation to obtain direct, or indirect, assistance for the Capital SouthEast Connector Project through the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this (DATE) day of (MONTH, YEAR), by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary