

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 10-11, 2008

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Action Item

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Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION, 12-Ora-22 PM L9.7**  
**RESOLUTION S-739**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the attached Resolution S-739 and map authorizing a new public road connection at The Block Way to Route 22 (SR 22) in the city of Orange.

## **ISSUE:**

The City of Orange requested approval of a new public road connection to SR 22. 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. It is recommended that the Commission approve the resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. The resolution grants approval of a new public road connection as an interchange to SR 22 in the county of Orange, city of Orange, at Post Mile L9.7.

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

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 13, 2003, the Department approved a project report for operational improvements on SR 22 (SR 22 Widening) and it was followed by the design and construction contract in September 2004. The SR 22 Widening project included the reconfiguration of the interchange westbound ramps at The City Drive consequently impacting the adjoining property along Metropolitan Drive. Right of way negotiations with the Orange County Transportation Authority, the Department, the City of Orange, and the affected property owner resulted in the redesign and construction of The City Drive interchange as a separate project. The Block Way, a new public road, is to be constructed opposite the westbound SR 22 on and off ramp termini along Metropolitan Drive as part of the interchange at The City Drive in the city of Orange.

In the vicinity of the proposed The Block Way new connection, the existing SR 22 freeway has mixed-flow lanes with a high occupancy vehicle lane in each direction. SR 22 has a paved median and outside shoulders on a flat topography. The Garden Grove interchange is located 1.0 mile west of the The City Drive interchange. Separated by the Santa Ana River, The City Drive interchange is located 0.3 mile west of the Bristol Street interchange. In addition, the southbound Route 57 to westbound SR 22 connector braids over the westbound SR 22 on and off ramps to The City Drive interchange. Metropolitan Drive, a secondary arterial and frontage road, serves as the parallel road to SR 22. It connects to Lewis Street and The City Drive on the northern side and is commercially developed. On the south side of SR 22, the area is residential and commercial that is served by West Park Balboa Avenue. Garden Grove Boulevard serves as the parallel arterial and south of SR 22.

SR 22 is a southern California major east-west freeway corridor that extends from Route 1 in the city of Long Beach, in Los Angeles County, to Route 55 in the city of Orange, in Orange County. The California Highway Commission adopted this corridor as a freeway on May 15, 1959, and it is part of the Freeway and Expressway and National Highway Systems.

The new connection will accommodate regional traffic growth on the city street system by allowing redistribution of traffic on the northern side of SR 22. This new connection is consistent in the City of Orange's General Plan. The SR 22 Widening Project Study Report was approved in 1998, and the Project Report and Supplemental Project Report were approved on March 13, 2003 and March 17, 2008, respectively. The Project Report /Project Study Report for the The Block Way new connection was approved on June 5, 2006.

The total capital cost for the proposed interchange modification is \$1,200,000. This project will be funded by the City of Orange in its entirety.

Fact sheets for Advisory and Mandatory Design Exceptions were all approved on November 2, 2006.

An environmental impact report for the new connection was approved on January 13, 2004, and amended on December 15, 2005, satisfying the California Environmental Quality Act. A concurrent environmental action is on this month's agenda (see Resolution E-08-29).

A superseding freeway agreement was signed by the City of Orange on August 26, 2008, and will be executed by the Department after Commission approval of the new public road connection.

Attachments

Resolution S-739  
Vicinity Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Resolution Authorizing a New Public Road Connection  
12-Ora-22 PM L9.7**

**Resolution S-739**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange has requested approval of a new public road connection on Route 22 for The Block Way; and

**WHEREAS**, an environmental impact report has been approved in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will have impacts on the environment that will be mitigated.

**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 one new public road connection on Route 22 at The Block Way, Post Mile L9.7, in the city of Orange.

# NEW PUBLIC ROAD CONNECTION LOCATION MAP 12-ORA-22 PM L9.7

