

June 10, 2013

Chairman Jim Ghielmetti  
California Transportation Commission (CTC)  
1120 N Street  
Room 2221 (MS-52)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Allocation: Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement and Roadway Widening Project, City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Ghielmetti,

This letter is to request that the CTC allocate \$600,000 in State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funds to the City of Lincoln for the Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement and Roadway Widening Project at your meeting on June 11, 2013.

In ranking the application so highly, the Commission recognizes the critical importance of the Nelson Lane project, both to the City and to the State. Nelson Lane is designated as the primary access to the Lincoln Regional Airport, a major economic engine for the area. However, it is currently a narrow, substandard roadway without shoulders and includes a 20-foot wide narrow two lane bridge over Markham Ravine. The recent opening of the SR 65 Lincoln Bypass, which intersects Nelson Lane, has created a substantial increase in traffic expediting the need to improve the facility. The urgency to deliver the project is due to the safety concerns associated with this substandard roadway now serving traffic far in excess of the roadway's current characteristics.

Environmental clearances and design have been completed on the project. The challenge for the project in regards to the SLPP allocation is the timing of the right of way certification. As you can see from the timeline of activities undertaken by the City and detailed in Attachment A, the right of way clearances have been of high priority but have been complicated by a number of landowners and a peculiar situation in which one sliver of land has no owner.

Despite the challenges, completion of right of way acquisitions is mere days away.

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**The City of Lincoln assures the Commission we will have the right of way certification for the Nelson Lane project on or before July 31, 2013.**

The SLPP funds are critical to complete the funding and construct the project as the City does not have other available resources to fully fund this project without it. The City of Lincoln has committed all available local funds for the required match to SLPP funds as well as Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds.

Given the status of this project, the City's funding constraints, the support of the PCTPA, Caltrans and FHWA, the imminent status of the last action required for complete project delivery (right of way certification), the City is requesting that the CTC allocate the SLPP funds programmed for this project.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact city engineer Ray Leftwich at (916) 434-2457. Please know that the City deeply appreciates the Commission's positive consideration of this request, and look forward to commencing construction of the Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement and Roadway Widening in September of 2013.

Sincerely,



Jim Estep  
City Manager  
City of Lincoln

CC: CTC Board Commission Members:

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ATTACHMENT A  
NELSON LANE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY WIDENING  
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The City is the lead agency on the subject project in Placer County as the area is within the sphere of influence of the City. Placer County and the City of Lincoln have entered into an agreement for the City to be the Lead Agency with support by the County. The project is being expedited as a result of the opening of the SR 65 Lincoln Bypass which has diverted a measurable volume of traffic that is approximately 12,000 ADT<sup>1</sup> over the previous existing condition.

Nelson Lane is a narrow, substandard roadway without shoulders and includes a 20-foot wide narrow two lane bridge over Markham Ravine. This roadway has undergone a change in functional classification with the substantial increase in traffic as a result of the SR 65 Bypass Project. The urgency to deliver the project is due to the safety concerns associated with this substandard roadway now serving traffic far in excess of the roadways current characteristic. Residents have expressed concern that ingress/egress movements to their driveways are proving to be challenging and uncomfortable as the increase in traffic no longer permits ease of deceleration and acceleration in the travel lanes for their ingress/egress movements as was the case prior to the Lincoln Bypass opening. Additionally, an increase in traffic accidents has been reported.

Given this urgency to reconstruct Nelson Lane to standards consistent with the new traffic characteristics (8-ft right shoulders, full 12-foot lanes, and 3-foot left shoulders), the City requested authorization for early right of way acquisition from Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Early acquisition is not commonly authorized but was authorized for this project by Caltrans with support by FHWA, citing "Recent opening of the Highway 65 realignment has significantly increased traffic, safety risks and need for this improvement."<sup>2</sup> The early acquisition authorization was issued on January 4, 2013. Consequently, the City is acquiring/providing right of way using local funds and is nearing the completion of acquisition which is expected to culminate with the Right of Way Certification in July, 2013.

- <sup>1</sup> Current ADT was project to be 15,000 per traffic studies performed by Fehr & Peers. Shortly after the Bypass opening, the traffic was measured by the California Highway Patrol via radar trailer and peak counts were used to calculate the current ADT of more than 12,000.
- <sup>2</sup> Caltrans Memorandum dated December 21, 2012 and approved January 4, 2013 (Memo attached).

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The following is the project status:

- CEQA (IS/MND) – City Council approved on March 12, 2013
- Plans, Specifications and Estimate – 100% complete and project approved by Council on April 23, 2013
- Utility Agreements – approved by City Council on May 14, 2013 NEPA (CE) – BO approved May 21, 2013; CE expected from Caltrans the week of June 10, 2013
- Right of Way Cert – July 31, 2013. All property owners requiring acquisition are proponents of the project; one publicly spoke before the City Council to voice his support. The remaining schedule for acquisition is as follows:

**Acquisition Status**

#	APN	Owner Name	Acquisition Status
1	021-262-034	Arrillaga, John & Peery, Richard	Terms agree upon. Execution of agreement expected week of June 10, 2013.
2	021-380-010	Ball, John & Bonnie	Meeting scheduled with owner for final negotiations on June 16, 2013.
3	021-261-010	Coleman, Robert Lewis	Negotiations final. Agreement circulating within Wells Fargo for signatures. Executed agreement expected by June 28, 2013.
4	021-380-008	Cope, Susan	Negotiations final. Execution of agreement expected the week of June 10, 2013.
5	021-262-001	Gill Property Development	Negotiations are nearing completion. A Purchase and use agreement is expected the week of June 10, 2013.
6	021-380-033	Hackett, Steve	Negotiations final. Agreement fully executed.
7	021-380-034	Lui, Kiu, Sy, Dena & Sy, Jacquelyn	Negotiations final. Agreement fully executed.
8	021-380-020	Hemphill, Alexander	No descendants in existence.

Parcel No. 8, the Hemphill property, APN 021-380-020, requires a "sliver take". Caltrans recently acquired a portion of this same parcel for the SR 65 Bypass Project and also determined that there is no record of any descendant in existence. The chain of title for the parcel begins with Alexander Hemphill who settled in Lincoln, CA in April, 1854. His descendants are all passed. Wallace Hemphill was the only descendant of Alexander and Eliza Hemphill. He married Vivia but had no children. Wallace and Vivia passed in 1933, and 1934, respectively. This parcel lies on the west side of the project

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and is not necessary to occupy until the second season of construction beginning in April of 2014.

In addition to the support of Caltrans, and FHWA, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) also understands the significant increase in traffic, associated safety risks and thus the need for quick delivery to improve the substandard condition of Nelson Lane and is in support of this project beginning construction in this 2013 construction season.

The project is nearly completely delivered with the remaining schedule being:

1. Right of Way Certification – July 31, 2013
2. Advertise for Construction Bids – August, 2013
3. Award – early September, 2013
4. Begin Construction<sub>3</sub> – September 30, 2013

<sup>3</sup> Construction within Markham Ravine is not restricted to a working period typically associated with special environmental species. There are no listed special species within Markham Ravine in the Vicinity of this Project and construction can continue during late fall and during the winter season.

# Exhibit A

State of California  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

## Memorandum

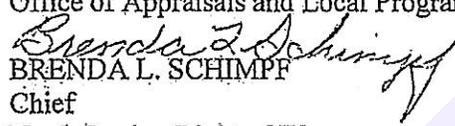
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To: BRENT L. GREEN  
Chief  
Division of Right of Way and Land Surveys

Date: December 21, 2012

Attn: SUZETTE M. MÜSETTI  
Chief  
Office of Appraisals and Local Programs

File: BRLO 5089(017)

From:   
BRENDA L. SCHIMPF  
Chief  
North Region Right of Way

Subject: Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement Project - Request to Approve Early Acquisition

District 3 is seeking approval to allow the City of Lincoln to proceed with Early Acquisition for the local agency project known as Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement in the City of Lincoln. This project is a combination of local, State (SLPP) and Federal (HBP) funds that are being administered through the District Local Assistance office. The project proposes to replace a narrow, 2 lane bridge with a 4 lane bridge on Nelson Lane over Markham Ravine. Recent opening of the Highway 65 realignment has significantly increased traffic, safety risks and need for this improvement. This request is made in accordance with Caltrans Right of Way Manual Section 5.01.06.00 and 23 CFR 710.501.

The project has a draft project report and the initial agency review of the CEQA document has been completed. The public review will begin next week. As the project has a Federal funding component, the NEPA Categorical Exclusion is pending approval (likely in February of 2013).

Right of way work for the Nelson Lane Bridge Replacement project will require right of way acquisition from portions of 9 parcels, and requires utility relocation. The City of Lincoln has hired consultants to provide Right of Way services. The project is not considered controversial and has received public support. The City is aware that they cannot initiate condemnation in advance of an approved environmental document.

Current project schedule:

Environmental Approval – February 2013  
E-76 for Right of Way – March 2013  
Right of Way Certification – April 2013  
E-76 for Construction – May 2013  
Advertise for Construction – June 2013  
Begin Construction – July 2013

# Exhibit A

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Attached is a Risk Assessment and a layout depicting potential right of way and easement requirements. The City has passed a Resolution supporting the project and recommending early acquisition.

The District supports the City's effort to pursue Early Acquisition, as it is of great benefit to expedite the delivery of this project next construction season to improve safety and mobility on this local arterial.

Recommended for Approval By:

 1-4-13

SUZETTE M. MUSETTI  
Chief  
Office of Appraisals and Local Programs

Approved By:

 01-09-13

BRENT L. GREEN  
Chief  
Division of Right of Way and Land Surveys

Attachments

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