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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisors John Gioia and Federal D. Glover
Date: February 6, 2018

Subject: Adopt Resolution to support a Capitol Corridor train stop in the City of Hercules

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2018/56 in support of a Capitol Corridor train stop at the Regional Intermodal Transit Center in the City of Hercules, as recommended by Supervisor Gioia and Supervisor Glover.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

I-80 is the primary route for commuters traveling north and south between Oakland and Sacramento. The commute time along this corridor is expected to increase 23% by 2040. We must implement practical and affordable solutions to get I-80 moving more efficiently.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/06/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 6, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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Adding a train stop in Hercules on the existing Capitol Corridor line would provide an easy, near-term, low-cost option to driving on I-80. The train already travels along the I-80 corridor; it just doesn't stop where most of the congestion starts, particularly in the AM and PM peak periods.

The City of Hercules has expended a significant amount of money to create the Regional Intermodal Transit Center, a transportation hub that would connect this new train stop with bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and carpool service, and provide ferry service in the future. The Center would also be located within walking distance to both jobs and housing. This project would significantly improve transportation options for commuters at the junction of I-80 and Highway 4, where commute congestion along I-80 generally begins.

The transit center is a cornerstone for the Hercules Bayfront Transit Village, which is one of only 13 projects selected by the State of California's Strategic Growth Council as a "California Catalyst Project."

In addition to serving as a stop on the Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin routes, the transit center will act as a central point for many vital transit options, including:

- Over 30 trains daily linking West Contra Costa County to the rest of the Bay Area and the Sacramento region;
- Connections with local and regional buses;
- Interconnection between the extensive San Francisco Bay Trail and Ridge Trail
- Potential ferry connection to San Francisco;
- Connectivity to Richmond BART and AMTRAK; and
- Park and ride carpool programs.

The City of Hercules has completed the Bay Trail from Refugio Creek to Victoria By the Bay to advance the Regional Intermodal Train Center and completed development of "The Path to Transit" as part of its transportation hub.

A Capitol Corridor Train stop in Hercules will provide an environmentally sustainable solution to addressing congestion on I-80. By reducing the number of cars and trucks on the road, it would also reduce air pollution, energy use, and fuel consumption. The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors strongly supports a Capitol Corridor train stop in Hercules.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2018/56