

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.

- a. Authorizing the Resource Management Agency Director to work with Monterey County's legislative team to develop legislation (2013 omnibus transportation bill) enabling relinquishment of a segment of State Route 68 generally described as the segment from State Route 1 to the western terminus; and
- b. Approving Letter of Intent to request Caltrans to initiate the relinquishment process for a segment generally from State Route 1 to Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula.

WHEREAS, State Route (SR) 68 is a state highway route that is part of the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, SR68 is located within unincorporated Monterey County, and a portion abuts the City of Monterey to the north and runs through the City of Pacific Grove to the west, terminating at Asilomar State Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Pebble Beach Company received approval of a development project that includes mitigation to improve the intersection where State Route 1 (south) exits to State Route 68 (west), including the 17-Mile Drive access into Pebble Beach (hereafter "the Intersection"); and

WHEREAS, Monterey County and the City of Monterey wish the State to relinquish a segment of SR68 from SR1 to the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) in order to facilitate a roundabout in the vicinity of the Intersection as an environmentally superior design that improves traffic safety with a minimal footprint to reduce physical impacts to the area; and

WHEREAS, the County supports relinquishment to the County of the segment of SR 68 from SR1 to CHOMP, provided that the City of Monterey agrees to pursue annexation of that segment so that title to the segment would ultimately vest in the City of Monterey rather than the County; and

WHEREAS, City boundary lines create a logical terminus for the scope of relinquishment; and

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2012, the City Council of the City of Monterey adopted a resolution authorizing a letter of support for the relinquishment and for city annexation of the

segment of SR68 from SR1 to the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula, and no further relinquishment is desired at this time; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2013, the City Council of the City of Pacific Grove authorized a letter of support for the relinquishment and for City of Monterey annexation of the segment of SR68 from SR1 to the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2013, the Monterey County Legislative Committee was presented with an overview of the process required for relinquishing a State Highway; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2013, the Board of Supervisors was presented with an overview of the process required for relinquishing a State Highway; and

WHEREAS, California Street and Highways Code, Section 73 *et seq* authorizes the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to relinquish a portion of a State highway to a city or county, provided certain steps are followed; and

WHEREAS, a legislative enactment is required before the CTC may relinquish a portion of any State highway; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) performs a required cost-benefit analysis and then, if deemed a benefit, negotiates terms of relinquishment that are presented to the CTC for consideration; and

WHEREAS, this action by the Board of Supervisors is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act because the action is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical impact on the environment; the Board does not have final authority over the relinquishment, and future actions by the state are required to relinquish the highway segment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby:

- a. Authorize the Resource Management Agency Director to work with Monterey County's legislative team to develop legislation (2013 omnibus transportation bill) enabling relinquishment of a segment of State Route 68 (SR68) generally described as the segment from State Route 1 (SR1) to the western terminus; and
- b. Approve Letter of Intent (attached) to request Caltrans to initiate the relinquishment process for a segment of State Route 68, to be annexed by the City of Monterey, generally from State Route 1 to Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP).

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of _____, 2013, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT 1

January ____, 2013

Mr. Timothy Gubbins, District Director
California Department of Transportation
District 5
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5415

SUBJECT: County of Monterey Intent to Pursue Relinquishment of a Portion of SR68

Dear Mr. Gubbins;

The County of Monterey requests Caltrans to initiate the relinquishment process for a segment of State Route (SR) 68 from SR1 to, and including, the intersection for the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP). This boundary for the segment to be relinquished coincides with the City of Monterey's statement of intent to pursue annexation of the segment of highway to be relinquished. We believe this new City boundary to be a logical terminus.

At their meeting of January 29, 2013, Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to initiate the process of relinquishing this segment of SR68 (enclosed). We request that Caltrans begin the necessary steps to initiate the relinquishment of this portion of SR68. County staff will pursue initiation of legislation as part of the 2013 omnibus transportation bill or other legislation in order to facilitate this action. Our intent is for the relinquishment process to be completed in January 2014, upon legislation becoming effective, so that we do not delay the Pebble Beach Company project that is conditioned to improve the intersection where State Route 1 (south) exits to State Route 68 (west).

We look forward to working with Caltrans in this process. Please contact Mr. Carl Holm at (831)755-5103 or holmcp@co.monterey.ca.us if you have any questions or if further information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Benny J. Young
Director
Monterey County Resource Management Agency

Enclosure (Board Resolution)

cc: City of Monterey
City of Pacific Grove