

November 19, 2012

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Lew Bauman, County Administrative Officer
168 W. Alisal St., 3rd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

City Manager:
FRED MEURER

RE: Holman Highway 68 / Highway One Roundabout

Dear Mr. Bauman,

As requested, the City Council of the City of Monterey has authorized this letter to indicate the City's support of the County's pursuit of relinquishment of ownership from Caltrans to the County of the segment of Holman Highway 68 from Highway One to and including the signal at the entrance to the Community Hospital. It is the City intent to pursue annexation of the facility and assume ownership at the conclusion of the relinquishment process.

Per our previous discussions, this process is necessary to ensure construction of a roundabout at the Highway One, Holman Highway 68, and Pebble Beach Gate interchange by the Pebble Beach Company to ensure improved, superior, traffic operations over the long-term. The preferred roundabout design requires local control of the facility, which is currently under Caltrans ownership.

Discussions between City and County staff concluded with the recommendation that the County should pursue the relinquishment process through Caltrans if the City agrees to ultimate ownership of the facility. While Caltrans would prefer relinquishing ownership of a segment of Holman Highway 68 from Highway One to the Pacific Grove City Limits, City and County staff recommend pursuing a shorter segment: from Highway One to and including the signal at the entrance to the Community Hospital

The City also looks forward to continuing negotiations with the County regarding the shared maintenance of the facility between the County, the Pebble Beach Company, and the City of Monterey, which, in concept, would delegate ongoing signing and striping maintenance to the City of Monterey, landscaping maintenance to the Pebble Beach Company, and pavement resurfacing to the County.

Sincerely,

Fred Meurer
City Manager

c: Benny Young, Director, Resources Management Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 12-166 C.S.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT LETTER TO THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY EXPRESSING THE CITY OF MONTEREY'S INTENT TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE OF HOLMAN HIGHWAY 68 FROM HIGHWAY 1 TO THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ENTRANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey, the County of Monterey, and the Pebble Beach Company are working together on the design and construction of a roundabout at the Highway 1, Holman Highway 68, and Pebble Beach Gate interchange by the Pebble Beach Company to ensure improved, superior, traffic operations over the long-term; and

WHEREAS, the preferred roundabout design requires local control of the facility; and

WHEREAS, discussions between City and County staff concluded with the recommendation that the County should pursue the relinquishment process through Caltrans if the City agrees to ultimate ownership of the facility; and

WHEREAS, while Caltrans would prefer relinquishing ownership of a segment of Holman Highway 68 from Highway 1 to the Pacific Grove City Limits, City and County staff recommend pursuing a shorter segment: from Highway 1 to and including the signal at the entrance to the Community Hospital, excluding the bridge over Highway 1; and

WHEREAS, a letter from the City of Monterey to the County of Monterey is necessary to assure the County of the City's intent to annex the facility upon conclusion of the relinquishment of ownership of Caltrans to the County; and

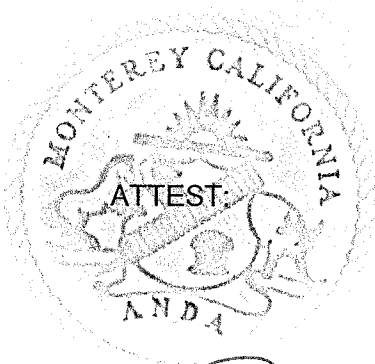
WHEREAS, The City of Monterey Planning Office determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Article 20, Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Article 5, Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action has no potential to cause any effect on the environment, this matter is not a

project. Because the proposed action does not cause a direct or any reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. The appropriate level of CEQA review will be conducted on the reassessment product prior to FORA Board adoption and on any future development of City property prior to City Council approval. No decision is considered by the City Council at this time that could be analyzed through the CEQA process.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that it hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit letter to the County of Monterey expressing the City of Monterey's intent to annex an approximately one-half mile portion of Holman Highway 68 from Highway 1 to the Community Hospital Entrance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 6th day of November, 2012, by the following vote:

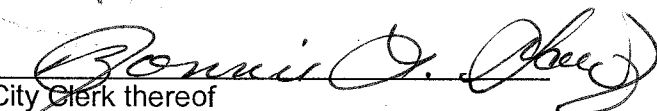
AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito, Della Sala
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None



APPROVED:



Mayor of said City



City Clerk thereof



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January 16, 2013

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County of Monterey
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Salinas, CA 93901

RE: Caltrans Relinquishment of Holman Highway 68

Dear Mr. Bauman,

The Pacific Grove City Council has authorized City support of state legislation that would enable Caltrans to relinquish Holman Highway 68, from Highway 1 to its western terminus. The City of Pacific Grove seeks to assume ownership of that portion of Highway 68 within the city limits. The City may also pursue annexation and ownership of the highway segment from S.F.B. Morse Drive to the city boundary at Presidio Boulevard.

Relinquishment benefits both the City of Pacific Grove and Caltrans. Highway 68 is a major gateway into the City. Ownership of the highway can provide the City greater flexibility to design and construct gateway and roadway improvements. Relinquishment of this highway segment can also allow the City to better address potential impacts that may arise by reason of design issues related to a new entrance to the Presidio of Monterey for the Defense Language Institute (DLI), which has been contemplated at or near the intersection of Highway 68 and S.F.B. Morse Drive. Relinquishment benefits Caltrans since the City can monitor conditions on a real-time basis, can improve the timeliness of maintenance, can reduce the liabilities Caltrans is now incurring, and can reduce costs to Caltrans.

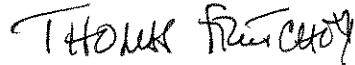
Relinquishment of the highway segment between Highway 1 and the Community Hospital (to the County or City of Monterey) will facilitate construction of a roundabout design at the intersection of Highway 1 and Highway 68 by the Pebble Beach Company to improve regional traffic flow over the long term. The preferred roundabout design requires local control of the facility.

The City understands that the City of Monterey intends to immediately pursue annexation and ownership of that portion of Highway 68 between Highway 1 and the Community Hospital, and that

the County has no current plans to seek relinquishment of the segment from the Hospital to the Pacific Grove city limits. The City also understands that Caltrans is willing to phase the relinquishment process over time.

Thank you for this opportunity to express the City's support for this important effort. Please let us know how we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "THOMAS FRUTCHHEY". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Thomas Frutchey
City Manager