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Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance [Signature] Other (Specify) _____

DATE: May 2, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: ~~MRE~~ Martin R. Erickson, Legislative Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: Support of AB 1611 (Nava), supporting the State's relinquishment of Oxnard Boulevard to the City of Oxnard.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council execute a letter of support for AB 1611 (Nava), supporting the State's relinquishment of Oxnard Boulevard to the City of Oxnard.

DISCUSSION

The State's relinquishment of Oxnard Boulevard is an important objective to the City of Oxnard, as it will allow local control of one of our critical roadways.

Oxnard Boulevard from US 101 through downtown Oxnard is in the State Highway System but no longer serves as a typical highway. This section of highway, once used as a regional route, currently functions as a city street, with access points to the US 101 freeway on the north and the State Route 34 in central Oxnard, exiting on the south to the Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1). Oxnard Boulevard is a north/south thoroughfare with nearly fully developed properties along its full stretch. It crosses several major east/west arterials and is an important component of the City's transportation system.

Gaining local control of Oxnard Boulevard allows the City of Oxnard to effectively manage and control the traffic signals at major intersections to provide optimum circulation in both the north/south and east/west directions. Oxnard City staff is in the process of developing master plan improvements on the east and west sides of the highway and will be better able to incorporate improvements utilizing City standards and themes along Oxnard Boulevard to enhance aesthetics, traffic flow, and overall function. Control of the access along Oxnard Boulevard to the properties will further benefit the city street function and move away from the highway use.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact at this time as this item involves pending State legislation. When the City assumes responsibility for Oxnard Boulevard, it will result in an annual maintenance cost of approximately \$700,000.

Attachment #1 Letter in support of AB 1611 (Nava).

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May 8, 2007

The Honorable Mark Leno
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support of AB 1611 (Nava) State relinquishment of Oxnard Boulevard

Dear Chairman Leno:

The City Council of the City of Oxnard encourages you to support AB 1611 (Nava), that would allow the relinquishment by the State of Oxnard Boulevard. Oxnard's population of nearly 200,000 represents one-quarter of Ventura County's population. The State's relinquishment of Oxnard Boulevard is important to our residents, as it will allow local control of one of our critical roadways.

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State relinquishment of Oxnard Boulevard benefits the State and the City of Oxnard. Gaining local control of Oxnard Boulevard allows the City of Oxnard to effectively manage and control the traffic signals at major intersections to provide optimum circulation in both the north/south and east/west directions. The City of Oxnard is in the process of developing master plan improvements on the east and west sides of the highway and will be better able to incorporate improvements utilizing City standards and themes along Oxnard Boulevard to enhance aesthetics, traffic flow, and overall function. Control of the access along Oxnard Boulevard to the properties will further benefit the city street function and move away from the highway use.

The fiscal impact to the State is an annual savings in maintenance of approximately \$1 million, plus any capital improvements that may be required. Moreover, there are potential savings to the State due to the release of liability over right-of-way due to accident and ensuing claims.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Martin R. Erickson, Legislative Affairs Manager at (805) 385-7870 should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

Dean Maulhardt
Mayor Pro Tem

John C. Zaragoza
Councilmember

Andres Herrera
Councilmember

Timothy B. Flynn
Councilman

Cc: Assemblymember Pedro Nava

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