

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Supervisor Jim Venable

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SUBJECT: Position on Senate Bill 87 by Senator Dennis Hollingsworth. This measure would relinquish sections of State Route 79 within the city limits of Temecula to the City of Temecula.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors support Senate Bill 87 and direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento representative to further the Board's position.

BACKGROUND: Currently, any proposed improvements to sections of State Route 79 within the city limits of Temecula must be reviewed and approved by the California Department of Transportation. In the past, this process has delayed the City of Temecula's efforts to implement improvements including street widening, aesthetic enhancements, landscaping, and safety improvements. The process could be streamlined by authorizing the City of Temecula control over this section of the state highway. CalTrans concurs.

SB 87 by Senator Hollingsworth would authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish to the City of Temecula that portion of State Route 79 that is located within the city limits, or the sphere of influence of the city. This action will streamline the City of Temecula's improvement projects and better enable the City to provide for the public health and safety of its residents. The bill requires Temecula to ensure the continuity of traffic flow on the relinquished portion of the State Route 79. This bill is supported by the City of Temecula and CalTrans District 8.

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