

Date of Hearing: April 4, 2016

**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Jim Frazier, Chair

AB 2075 (Atkins) – As Introduced February 17, 2016

**SUBJECT:** State highways: relinquishment: Route 75

**SUMMARY:** This bill allows the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to relinquish segments of State Route (SR) 75 in San Diego County. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Authorizes CTC, upon a determination that it is the best interest of the state to do so and upon an agreement between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the following local cities, to relinquish that portion of SR 75 that lies within the applicable city limits:
  - a) City of Coronado;
  - b) City of Imperial Beach; and,
  - c) City of San Diego.
- 2) Provides that the relinquishments will become effective on the date following the county recordation of the relinquishment resolutions containing CTC's approval of the specified terms and conditions.
- 3) Specifies that, following the effective date of relinquishment, the relinquished segments will no longer be state highways and may not be considered for future adoption as state highways.
- 4) Requires cities that adopt a segment of SR 75 to ensure continuity of traffic flow, including traffic signal progression, on the relinquished segment. Also requires these cities to install and maintain signs directing motorists to the continuation of SR 75 to the extent that Caltrans determines such signage is necessary.

**EXISTING LAW:**

- 1) Defines a "state highway" as any roadway that is acquired, laid out, constructed, improved, or maintained as a state highway pursuant to constitutional or legislative authorization.
- 2) Statutorily identifies state highway system routes.
- 3) Specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature that the prescribed routes of the state highway system connect communities and regions of the state and that they serve the state's economy by connecting centers of commerce, industry, agriculture, mineral wealth, and recreation.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown

**COMMENTS:** Each session, numerous bills authorizing CTC to relinquish segments of the state highway to local jurisdictions are passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Relinquishment transactions are generally preceded by a negotiation of terms and conditions between the local jurisdiction and Caltrans. Once an agreement has been established, the

Legislature authorizes CTC to relinquish the segment and CTC then approves the relinquishment and verifies its approval via resolution. The final step is for the Legislature to delete these segments from current law.

This bill is consistent with Caltrans' policies that encourage the relinquishment of state highways that do not serve regional or statewide transportation needs. Recipient agencies often seek relinquishment of state highways so that they can have greater control over the facility, which often serves as a local street.

According to the author, the U.S. Navy started a series of improvements on its property located along SR 75 in the area between the City of Imperial Beach and the City of Coronado. The improvements are expected to generate a significant amount of traffic when fully constructed and occupied. The Imperial Beach City Council would like to have more direct control over SR 75 within its boundaries so that it can work with the Navy in managing traffic.

SR 75 does not function as an inter-regional transportation facility and relinquishment to the cities is appropriate if agreeable terms can be negotiated.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:****Support**

Honorable David Alvarez, San Diego City Councilmember, Eighth District

**Opposition**

None on file

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