

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

AB 333 (Quirk) – As Introduced February 7, 2017

SUBJECT: State Highway Route 185: relinquishment: County of Alameda

SUMMARY: Allows the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to relinquish segments of State Route (SR) 185 in Alameda 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 Alameda County, to relinquish all or a portion of SR 185 that lies within the unincorporated area of the county.
- 2) Requires Alameda County to ensure continuity of traffic flow, including traffic signal progression, on the relinquished segment. Also requires the County to install and maintain signs directing motorists to the continuation of SR 185, 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.
- 4) Authorizes the CTC to relinquish all or a portion of SR 185 within the city limits of the City of Hayward upon terms and conditions the CTC finds to be in the best interest of the state and if Caltrans and the City of Hayward agree to the terms of the relinquishment.

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.

SR 185 is a 10.5-mile long primary arterial that runs through the cities of Hayward, San Leandro, and the eastern portion of Oakland. It includes sections of Mission Boulevard in Hayward, East 14th Street in San Leandro, and International Boulevard in Oakland. Portions of SR 185 were relinquished to the City of Hayward in 2010.

The County of Alameda is sponsoring this bill to expedite a corridor improvement project that will include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, pavement rehabilitation, pedestrian scale lighting, utility undergrounding, landscaping, and streetscapes.

Previous legislation: SB 491 (Committee on Transportation and Housing), Chapter 451, Statutes of 2015, restored CTC's authority to relinquish segments of SRs 92, 185, and 238 to the City of Hayward, if Caltrans and the city reach an agreement. These provisions were identical to the provisions of prior legislation granting CTC relinquishment authority for these route segments AB 1386 (Hayashi), Chapter 291, Statutes of 2009, which was inadvertently removed by the 2012 Transportation Omnibus Bill, AB 2679 (Committee on Transportation), Chapter 769, Statutes of 2012.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**Support**

Alameda County Board of Supervisors (Sponsor)

Opposition

None on file

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