

Date of Hearing: July 10, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Jim Frazier, Chair
SB 52 (Newman) – As Amended June 22, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 39-1

SUBJECT: State Route 39

SUMMARY: Allows the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to relinquish a segment of State Route (SR) 39 to the City of Anaheim. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Authorizes CTC, upon a determination that it is in the best interest of the state to do so and upon an agreement between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Anaheim, to relinquish the portion of SR 39 that lies within city limits, between the Anaheim/Stanton city limit north of Starr Street and the Anaheim/Buena Park city limit at North Stanton Avenue.
- 2) Requires the city to install and maintain signs directing motorists to the continuation of SR 39, 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 CTC to relinquish portions of SR 39 within the city limits of the cities of Azusa, Buena Park, Covina, and West Covina upon terms and conditions CTC finds to be in the best interest of the state and if Caltrans and the respective cities 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.

This bill facilitates the relinquishment of SR 39 within the City of Anaheim, a roughly two-mile stretch of Beach Boulevard. Last year, Anaheim's city council voted to accelerate revitalization of this stretch of Beach Boulevard by clearing the way for new shopping, dining, homes, and community gathering places. The city is seeking control of SR 39 within the city limits so that it can make the needed safety and other improvements related to its Beach Boulevard initiative.

Previous legislation: AB 957 (Assembly Transportation Committee), Chapter 536, Statutes of 2011, authorized CTC to relinquish a portion of SR 39 to the City of Buena Park.

SB 1578 (Romero), Chapter 399, Statutes of 2004, authorized CTC to relinquish a portion of SR 39 to the City of West Covina.

AB 2909 (Assembly Transportation Committee), Chapter 596, Statutes of 2000, authorized CTC to relinquish to the City of Covina a portion of SR 39.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

City of Anaheim (Sponsor)
Orange County Business Council

Opposition

None on file

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