

Date of Hearing: April 8, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

AB 1456 (Kiley) – As Amended March 19, 2019

SUBJECT: State highways: Route 193: relinquishment

SUMMARY: Authorizes the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to relinquish to the City of Lincoln the portion of State Route (SR) 193 within its city limits. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Authorizes CTC to relinquish to the City of Lincoln the portion of SR 193 within its city limits, upon terms and conditions CTC finds to be in the best interest of the state.
- 2) Provides that the relinquishment will become effective immediately following recordation of the relinquishment resolution.
- 3) Specifies that following the effective date of relinquishment, the relinquished segment will no longer be a state highway and may not be considered for future adoption as a state highway.

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) Provides for a two-step state highway relinquishment process beginning with the Legislature amending existing law to allow for the state highway segment to be deleted and culminating with the CTC making a finding that it is in the best interest of the state to delete a specified portion of roadway from the system.
- 5) Declares that the relinquished former portion of SR 193 within the City of Lincoln is not a state highway.

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 the California Department of Transportation (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' policy encouraging 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.

What is unique about this bill is that, according to existing law, the portion of SR 193 within the city limits of Lincoln has been relinquished by the state. However, since that first relinquishment in 2012, authorized by AB 2733 (Leslie), Chapter 362, Statutes of 2006, Lincoln has annexed more land to the east of the city. This bill authorizes CTC to relinquish to the City of Lincoln the portion of SR 193 that is located within its expanded city limits.

According to the author, "The City of Lincoln would like to take control of a portion of SR 193 within their city limits so they can ensure the road is sufficiently maintained and relieve Caltrans of that responsibility. The western segment of SR 193 that had connected directly with the previous SR 65 alignment was relinquished to the City in 2012. More recently, the City has annexed nearly 1,700 acres on the eastern side of the City from Placer County and a portion of SR 193 subject to this relinquishment request falls within the newly annexed area."

Previous legislation. AB 2679 (Committee on Transportation), Chapter 769, Statutes of 2012, among other things, acknowledged the relinquishment of the portion of SR 193 that was located within the city limits of Lincoln at the time.

AB 2733 (Leslie), Chapter 362, Statutes of 2006, authorized CTC to relinquish to the City of Lincoln the portion of SR 193 that was located within its city limits.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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