# SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING Senator Jim Beall, Chair 2017 - 2018 Regular

Bill No:

SB 52

**Hearing Date:** 

9/12/2017

Author:

Newman

Version:

6/22/2017 Amended Assembly

**Urgency:** 

No

Fiscal:

Yes

Consultant: Randy Chinn

**SUBJECT:** State Route 39

**DIGEST:** This bill allows the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to relinquish a segment of State Route (SR) 39 to the City of Anaheim.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

## 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.

#### 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.

## **COMMENTS:**

- 1) Author's Statement. SB 52 will relinquish the portion of State Route 39/Beach Boulevard located in Anaheim, thereby allowing the city to make necessary safety and other improvements which will aid in the revitalization of this historically significant but blighted stretch of Beach Boulevard. The City of Anaheim is committed to making these improvements to foster broad-based economic development and to better the lives of the residents in west Anaheim and the surrounding region.
- 2) Relinquishments. Each session, 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.
  - 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.
- 3) Local Improvements. This bill authorizes the CTC to relinquish SR 39 in western Anaheim to the City of Anaheim upon an agreement between the city and Caltrans. The city has developed a specific plan to improve this area, known as the Beach Boulevard Initiative, which is intended to bring in new shopping, restaurants, housing and community gather places. Route 39 in Buena Park, the neighboring city north of Anaheim, is authorized to be relinquished to the city.
- 4) 29.10 Hearing. This bill was substantially amended in the Assembly and is being heard pursuant to Senate Rule 29.10(d). The committee may choose to

either hold the bill or return the bill to the Senate floor for consideration of the Assembly amendments. The committee is not permitted to amend the bill.

## **RELATED 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.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Monday, September 11, 2017.)

# **SUPPORT:**

City of Anaheim (sponsor)
City of Buena Park
City of Stanton
Orange County Business Council
West Anaheim Neighborhood Development Council
One individual

### **OPPOSITION:**

None received.