

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 10/4/10  
Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Accepting the Offer of Dedication for a portion of property from the Albany Unified School District at the Southwest Corner of Buchanan Avenue and Jackson Street

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Resolution No. 2010-50, accepting the Offer of Dedication by the Albany Unified School District for a portion of property to be used for the installation of a curb ramp associated with the Buchanan/Jackson Traffic Signal project.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2007 the City of Albany obtained a Safe Routes to School Grant (SR2S) to replace the existing signal at Buchanan Avenue and Jackson Street, and implement pedestrian enhancements at this intersection. In September 2009, the City Council approved a design for this project which includes a four-way protected left turn, pedestrian bulb-outs, pedestrian crosswalks, new curb ramps, and speed feedback signs on Buchanan Street. In order to build the intersection improvements, the City needs to obtain right of way from the property owners, which in the case are the Albany Unified School District (AUSD) and University of California.

The piece of land needed from the AUSD is approximately 70.5 square feet, and will be used for the construction of a curb ramp at the southwest corner of the Buchanan/Jackson intersection. The land in question is shown in Exhibit B.

**DISCUSSION**

In February 2010, the Board of Education approved by resolution the conveyance of this piece of land to the City. Conveyance of this real property is done through the execution of an Offer of Dedication. Thus, the AUSD is presenting the City with an Offer of Dedication of land in order for the City to build and maintain a curb ramp. A copy of the District's resolution is presented in Exhibit C.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Improvements to the intersection of Buchanan Avenue and Jackson Street will increase safety for pedestrians crossing this intersection. This is particularly important to encourage more children to walk and bike to school, which in turn would decrease emissions caused by motorized transportation.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no cost directly associated with acceptance of this Offer of Dedication. The cost of preparing right-of-way documents and constructing this ramp is being furnished by the SR2S grant, Measure F, and other matching funds. There are no additional costs associated with maintaining the ramp, as the project is not adding ramps but rather rebuilding and improving existing ones.

## **Attachments**

Exhibit A: Resolution No. 2010-50

Exhibit B: Offer of Dedication and Map

Exhibit C: Board of Education Resolution # 2009-10-09