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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 81

Introduced by Assembly Member Hollingsworth

May 30, 2001

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 81, as amended, Hollingsworth. Regional transportation corridor: Riverside County and Orange County.

This measure would urge the Department of Transportation and the regional transportation planning agencies ~~for Riverside County and Orange County to facilitate the establishment of an alternative transportation corridor between those counties by reviewing possible routes and undertaking, as appropriate, the necessary planning and construction of the route selected.~~ *to expeditiously consider alternative transportation corridors between Riverside County and Orange County.*

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Only one freeway currently links Riverside
2 County with Orange County, despite the fact that over the past
3 decade Riverside County has been the fastest growing county in
4 the state, and its population is expected to double to 3 million
5 citizens in the next 15 years; and

1 WHEREAS, The existing transportation corridor is critical for
2 the flow of people, goods, and services between Riverside County
3 and Orange County and within the region as a whole; and

4 WHEREAS, Many of the residents of Riverside County
5 commute to Orange County, therefore adding to this corridor's
6 congestion; and

7 WHEREAS, A plan to bring one million tons of air cargo to the
8 March Air Reserve Base is currently being drafted, the
9 implementation of ~~which~~ *the* plan will require a reliable highway
10 system to transport goods and services to distribution centers and
11 metropolitan areas in southern California; and

12 WHEREAS, Extreme traffic congestion currently plagues the
13 existing transportation corridor, which is ranked at the highest
14 level of congestion according to the Department of Transportation,
15 with expected demand to increase by 40 percent in the next 20
16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, The existing transportation corridor between
18 Riverside County and Orange County is one of the most congested
19 highway facilities in southern California, carrying over 16,500
20 vehicles per peak hour, while only designed to carry 14,400
21 vehicles per peak hour, significantly exceeding its capacity; and

22 WHEREAS, The affected freeway currently experiences over
23 66,000 vehicle hours of delay per day, significantly increasing the
24 amount of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) pollutants and hydrocarbons
25 that are introduced into our air, as well as costing the regional
26 economy up to \$7 million per day in lost opportunity; and

27 WHEREAS, This freeway congestion and its resulting spillover
28 effect on local streets impede commercial development by causing
29 concern over both the flow of goods and services to, and from, the
30 various establishments and access to a dependable and punctual
31 work force; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature urges the Department of
34 Transportation and the regional transportation planning agencies
35 ~~for Riverside County and Orange County to facilitate the~~
36 ~~establishment of an alternative transportation corridor between~~
37 ~~those counties by reviewing, on an expedited basis, possible~~
38 ~~routes, and by undertaking, as appropriate, the necessary planning~~
39 ~~and construction of the route selected; and be it further to~~
40 *expeditiously consider alternative transportation corridors*



1 *between Riverside County and Orange County and to follow the*
2 *current process for adopting transportation funding priorities*
3 *through the State Transportation Improvement Program; and be*
4 *it further*

5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy
6 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation.

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8 CORRECTIONS

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