

Assembly Bill No. 23

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 1999, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor



CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 622.2 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 23, Lowenthal. Highways: State Highway Route 710.

Existing law designates and describes state highway routes, including State Highway Route 710.

This bill would require the City of Long Beach to transfer a specified portion of a highway, specified portions of certain streets, and certain bridges to state ownership, as prescribed, and would require the department to generally keep the transferred property safe as a continuation of State Highway Route 710.

The bill would revise the designation and description of State Highway Route 710, upon completion of the specified transfers, to include the transferred property.

This bill also sets forth legislative findings and declarations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The southern terminus of the 710 Freeway (State Highway Route 710) serves as the major entryway to the City of Long Beach's downtown business, governmental, and residential districts, as well as the Port of Long Beach, the nation's busiest seaport.

(b) The Department of Transportation currently has jurisdiction and control of the 710 Freeway within the City of Long Beach to a point immediately south of the Pacific Coast Highway (State Highway Route 1).

(c) The remaining portion of the 710 Freeway south of the Pacific Coast Highway, which is commonly known as Harbor Scenic Drive, is presently under the jurisdiction of the City of Long Beach. The portion of Harbor Scenic



Drive that is between Anaheim Street and Ocean Boulevard is controlled by the Harbor Department of the City of Long Beach.

(d) The deplorable condition and appearance of the 710 Freeway that is located within the City of Long Beach and the Port of Long Beach creates an extremely bad image for citizens and visitors traveling to and from the downtown areas of the city, the Queensway Bay and Aquarium facilities, and the Port of Long Beach.

(e) It is essential that the main transportation arterial leading into the heart of downtown Long Beach and the city's coastline attractions and activities, as well as the nation's busiest port, should be safe, clean, upgraded, beautified, and maintained at the highest possible level.

(f) This portion of the 710 Freeway is a vital link in the statewide transportation system and provides direct access to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, which together form the third largest seaport complex in the world.

(g) Ensuring safe and efficient access to both ports is extremely vital to the nation, as 25 percent of all waterborne trade in the nation, with an estimated value of \$162,000,000,000, is through these two ports.

(h) On a nationwide basis, 2,500,000 jobs are linked to this trade, and \$23,000,000,000 are generated in customs, and federal income and business, and state and local, taxes and charges.

(i) The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles generate approximately 500,000 jobs in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.

(j) The trade generated by the two ports and the corresponding benefits are expected to more than double by 2010.

(k) For several years, the City of Long Beach and the Port of Long Beach had discussions with the Department of Transportation regarding the transfer of the remaining portion of the 710 Freeway to the department in order for the department to repair and maintain this portion of the



710 Freeway as part of the state highway system, but no transfer has occurred to date.

SEC. 2. Section 622.2 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

622.2. (a) For the purposes of this section, the “Shoemaker Bridge Complex” consists of all of the following in the City of Long Beach:

(1) The Shoemaker Bridge, crossing the Los Angeles River and located between Harbor Scenic Drive and Sixth and Seventh Streets.

(2) The portion of Sixth Street that is between the Shoemaker Bridge and North Ord Court.

(3) The portion of Seventh Street that is between the Shoemaker Bridge and Golden Avenue.

(b) The City of Long Beach shall transfer the portion of Harbor Scenic Drive that is between the merger with Route 710, near Route 1, and Ocean Boulevard, and the portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between Harbor Scenic Drive and Route 103 to state ownership as expeditiously as possible in the following two phases:

(1) The portion of Harbor Scenic Drive that is between the merger with Route 710, near Route 1, and Ocean Boulevard, but excluding the Shoemaker Bridge Complex, shall be transferred on or before February 1, 2000.

(2) The Shoemaker Bridge Complex and the portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between Harbor Scenic Drive and Route 103, shall be transferred in the following segments upon completion of all construction projects programmed by the Port of Long Beach and after the painting of the Gerald Desmond Bridge for the transferred segment:

(A) The Shoemaker Bridge Complex.

(B) The portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between Harbor Scenic Drive and the Gerald Desmond Bridge, including the connector ramps between Ocean Boulevard and Harbor Scenic Drive.

(C) The Gerald Desmond Bridge.

(D) The portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Route 103.



(c) Upon completion of each of the infrastructure repairs included in the projects programmed by the Port of Long Beach, and upon the completion of each of the transfers made under subdivision (b), the department shall maintain the guardrail, concrete barriers, signage, and potholes, correct slope erosion and drainage facilities, remove graffiti and weeds, and generally keep the transferred property safe as a continuation of Route 710.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 622, upon completion of the final transfer under subdivision (b), Route 710 shall include all of the following in the City of Long Beach:

(1) The portion of Harbor Scenic Drive that is between the merger with existing Route 710, near Route 1, and Ocean Boulevard, including the connector ramps between Harbor Scenic Drive and Ocean Boulevard and the Shoemaker Bridge Complex.

(2) The portion of Ocean Boulevard that is between Harbor Scenic Drive and Route 103, including the Gerald Desmond Bridge.



Approved _____, 1999

Governor

