



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2024

PRESENTER: Jesus A. Gonzalez, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Consideration of Donation Grant Deed from City to the State of California, Department of Transportation Relating to KUSD Harvest Elementary School Project (JG)

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Resolution Approving Donation Grant Deed Relating to Parcel 89844-1 to the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Kerman Unified School District (KUSD) recently constructed Harvest Elementary (School) which went into operation during the recently started 2024-25 school year. In addition to the construction of the School, KUSD is required to construct public access improvements for school traffic circulation to and from State Route 180 onto the constructed segment of First Street. The improvements will consist of a signalized pedestrian facility, pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalk. While the public improvements are being constructed as part of the KUSD project, the City and its residents will benefit from the public access improvements. The proposed resolution approves the transfer at no cost of City's Parcel 89844-1 with an approximate area of 1,791 square feet to CalTrans. This will allow for timely completion of the public improvements and benefit not only KUSD but also the City of Kerman and its residents.

DISCUSSION:

The access improvements being in ultimate Caltrans right-of-way, KUSD is in coordination with Caltrans for obtaining permitting approvals. During the permitting process, Parcel 89844-1 with an approximate area of 1,791 feet was identified as City owned. The parcel sits adjacent to Caltrans right-of-way to the east, west and south and prevents the necessary configuration required by Caltrans for establishing its ultimate right-of-way. Furthermore, the parcel is in physical conflict with the necessary public access improvements. The depiction of the property is set forth in the Donation Grant Deed **Exhibit 'B'** to the resolution.

In discussions with Caltrans, their recommended best course of action, for timely conclusion of permitting process, is for the City to donate Parcel 89844-1 directly to Caltrans. Transfer of City ownership to Caltrans will allow KUSD to obtain permitting approval and hire a contractor for construction of the necessary access improvements currently impacting traffic circulation to and from the School. Additionally, the transfer will relieve the City of future maintenance obligations of the parcel which based on its location cannot serve for purposes other than street right-of-way.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant deed donation by the City to Caltrans does not result in an expense to the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Attachment A - Location Map
- B. Attachment B – Resolution w/Exhibit A (the Donation Grant Deed) and Exhibits A and Exhibit B to the Grant Deed.