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### *Massive public works construction contract before Council Tuesday*

#### **Hundreds of construction related jobs to be supported when work starts on new \$82.5 million interchange for south Sacramento**

The City Council is being asked Tuesday to approve a nearly \$57 million contract to begin constructing a new interchange on I-5, one mile south of Pocket Road/Meadowview Road. The project also extends Cosumnes River Boulevard from its current end point of Franklin Boulevard to Freeport Boulevard.

The total cost for the project is estimated at \$82.5 million. The construction would sustain an estimated 228 construction jobs over two years beginning with a spring ground breaking. The road extension and freeway interchange are expected to be finished in the fall of 2015.

“We have worked for many years on this “punch-through” to provide another connection between Hwy 99 and I-5, said Councilmember Bonnie Pannell about the project in her district. “It also relieves the congestion on Mack Road and Florin Roads. This project will allow the Delta Shores Project to proceed with developing an entirely new community in South Sacramento next to Meadowview.”

“We are thrilled to be creating so many jobs and begin construction on this long-awaited project - one of the largest current City public works projects and among the largest in City history,” said the Director of Public Works Jerry Way. “The benefits to the City and the region will be extraordinary.”

The project was made possible by a partnership between Delta Shores developer M&H Partners, which contributed nearly \$38 million to the \$82.5 million cost.

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*New I-5 interchange. 2*

A new interchange and addition of a link between I-5 and Highway 99 on Consumnes River Boulevard will improve traffic circulation in south Sacramento and provide the 800 acre Delta Shores project the infrastructure needed to create retail, commercial, residential and mixed use development.

The project will include 3.5 miles of new “complete streets” consisting of four to six lanes of traffic, on-street bike lanes, 8 foot wide sidewalks, street lights, and landscaping. The new extension will also parallel Regional Transit’s new South Line Light Rail and provide direct access to two adjoining light rail transit stations and result in a new bridge over Morrison Creek and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

On Tuesday, the Council will be asked to allow the City Manager to execute a contract with the lowest qualified bidder on construction – Teichert Construction, and authorize funds for the construction management firm The Hannah Group, and the engineering firm Mark Thomas & Associates.

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