Agenda Item No. 13
May 11, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 468

WHEREAS, it has been more than 40 years since substantial improvements have been made along the I-5 North Coast Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the I-5 North Coast Corridor Project represents a $4.5 billion investment in the region and would create thousands of jobs over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, improvements along the I-5 North Coast Corridor are part of a balanced regional transportation phasing plan that includes transit, highway, community and environmental improvements, and was developed to address funding constraints, projected demand and maximizes environmental opportunities; and

WHEREAS, sequencing as proposed in Senate Bill 468 ("SB 468") creates conflict with local street improvements, causing unnecessary delays in construction timelines; and

WHEREAS, SB 468 would have wide-reaching, detrimental impacts on transportation projects throughout the state, such as the I-5 North Coast Corridor project; and

WHEREAS, SB 468 would delay the construction of four carpool lanes to relieve future congestion along the I-5 North Coast Corridor; and

WHEREAS, without improvements, the current commute time of 38 minutes along the I-5 North Coast Corridor would double to 70 minutes by 2030; and

WHEREAS, SB 468 would jeopardize hundreds of millions of dollars for transit and environment enhancements along the I-5 North Coast Corridor; and

WHEREAS, SB 468 threatens the region's ability to secure federal funding for highway and transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 468 would prevent the I-5 North Coast Corridor project from moving forward after nearly ten years of work and more than $50 million of preliminary study and engineering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.

2. That the City of Escondido does hereby oppose SB 468 and authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter of opposition to it.