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Legislation to Transfer Euclid Avenue Segments to Chino Advances to Senate

CHINO, CA – Assembly Bill 250 (AB 250, Rodriguez), which would allow the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to relinquish to the City of Chino those portions of State Route (SR) 83 that lie within the City's jurisdiction, passed out of the Assembly Floor May 22, 2023, on a 77-0 vote.

The legislation is a key component to implementing needed improvements along SR-83, also known as Euclid Avenue, an increasingly important route for residents, commuters, and commerce in the westernmost portion of San Bernardino County. Even with the cooperation of CalTrans, CalTrans' possession of SR-83 requires permits and authorizations that add complexity, costs, and time to proposed City projects.

As noted by City of Chino Mayor Eunice Ulloa, “AB 250 is important legislation for the City of Chino and the region. By allowing the portions of Euclid Avenue that are in Chino to be transferred to the City, this bill will facilitate and expedite much-needed projects along this arterial. These improvements will benefit the regional economy by correcting inefficiencies and will enhance safety along Euclid, particularly along the sections prone to flooding. We are grateful to Assembly Member Rodriguez for authoring this bill.”

By taking possession of sections of Euclid Avenue within its jurisdiction, the City will be able to expedite the construction of curbs and gutters, install medians and landscaping, synchronize traffic lights, and raise the profile on Euclid Avenue over Chino Creek to ensure that the roadway is open year-round without any weather-related closures like those currently occurring in winter.

The measure now moves to the Senate, where it will be considered by the Transportation and Appropriations Committees before going to a vote on the Senate floor. The legislature approved similar legislation in 2022 (AB 744, Rodriguez), authorizing the relinquishment of a section of Euclid Avenue to the City of Ontario, which is adjacent to the City of Chino.

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