



**DIANNE JACOB**  
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** September 27, 2005

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** **SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF OLD HIGHWAY 80 AS A STATE HISTORICAL ROUTE (DISTRICT: 2)**

**SUMMARY:**

**Overview**

Once called the "Broadway of America," Old Highway 80 was a true intercontinental highway, running between San Diego, California and Savannah, Georgia.

By 1974, in San Diego and Imperial Counties, most of the highway was replaced by Interstate 8, leaving the old road frozen in time. Today, parts of this once busy highway are among the loneliest in San Diego County.

Today's action will adopt a resolution by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in support of designating Old Highway 80 as a State Historical Route. In addition, today's action will authorize a letter to be signed by the Chairwoman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to the San Diego State Legislative Delegation, stating San Diego County's support for the designation of Old Highway 80 as a State Historic Route.

**Recommendation(s)**

**SUPERVISOR JACOB:**

1.) Adopt the resolution titled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF OLD HIGHWAY 80 AS A STATE HISTORIC ROUTE.

2.) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter for signature by the Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors to all members of the San Diego State Legislative Delegation, the Administration, and the County's Sacramento Representative in support of designating Old Highway 80 as a State Historical Route.

3.) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's 2005 Legislative Program support for historic designation of Old Highway 80 as a State Historical Route.

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**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action

**BACKGROUND:**

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Today, a committee of volunteers representing various communities, cities, chambers of commerce and civic organizations in East County realize the importance of designating Old Highway 80 as a historic route. Designation as a State Historical Route has great potential to bring together tourism, community development and economic development. It is the committee’s hope that they will be able to promote the route and other side trips to travelers and visitors, noting its historic elements, landmarks and businesses that could be visited along the way. Long forgotten memories can be rediscovered along this ‘old stretch’ from the Pacific Ocean to the Arizona border, bringing a part of the past back to life.

Given the documented history of Old Highway 80, today’s action will register San Diego County’s support for it’s formal designation as a State Historical Route. I urge your support!

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB  
Supervisor, Second District

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

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| <b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |   |
| Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No             |
| <b>GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Requires Four Votes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No             |
| <b>GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |

**Other Concurrence(s):** N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** District 2

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