

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20-21, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.4c.(5), Action Item

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Subject: **AIRSPACE LEASE – REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO DIRECTLY NEGOTIATE WITH KIMONO SIBLINGS LLC., IN SOLANO COUNTY**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a request by the California Department of Transportation (Department) to directly negotiate a long-term lease with Kimono Siblings LLC, in Solano County?

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve a request to directly negotiate a long-term lease with Kimono Siblings LLC, located in Solano County.

BACKGROUND:

Kimono Siblings LLC operates a standalone Japanese restaurant located adjacent to the Interstate 780 right of way in the City of Benicia. Although Kimono Siblings LLC's property does have some parking available, they have leased the adjoining site for additional parking from the Department since September 1, 2023. The lease area is somewhat rectangularly shaped.

The site is landlocked, with no public access from Interstate 780 or East 2nd Street. It serves no functional purpose for anyone other than the adjacent owner, and no other neighboring properties have access. As a result, the site is only useful to the adjoining property owner or prospective tenant who is using it for parking.

BENEFITS:

It is in the State's interest to lease this airspace site through direct negotiation because the site is only accessible and usable by the proposed/current lessee.

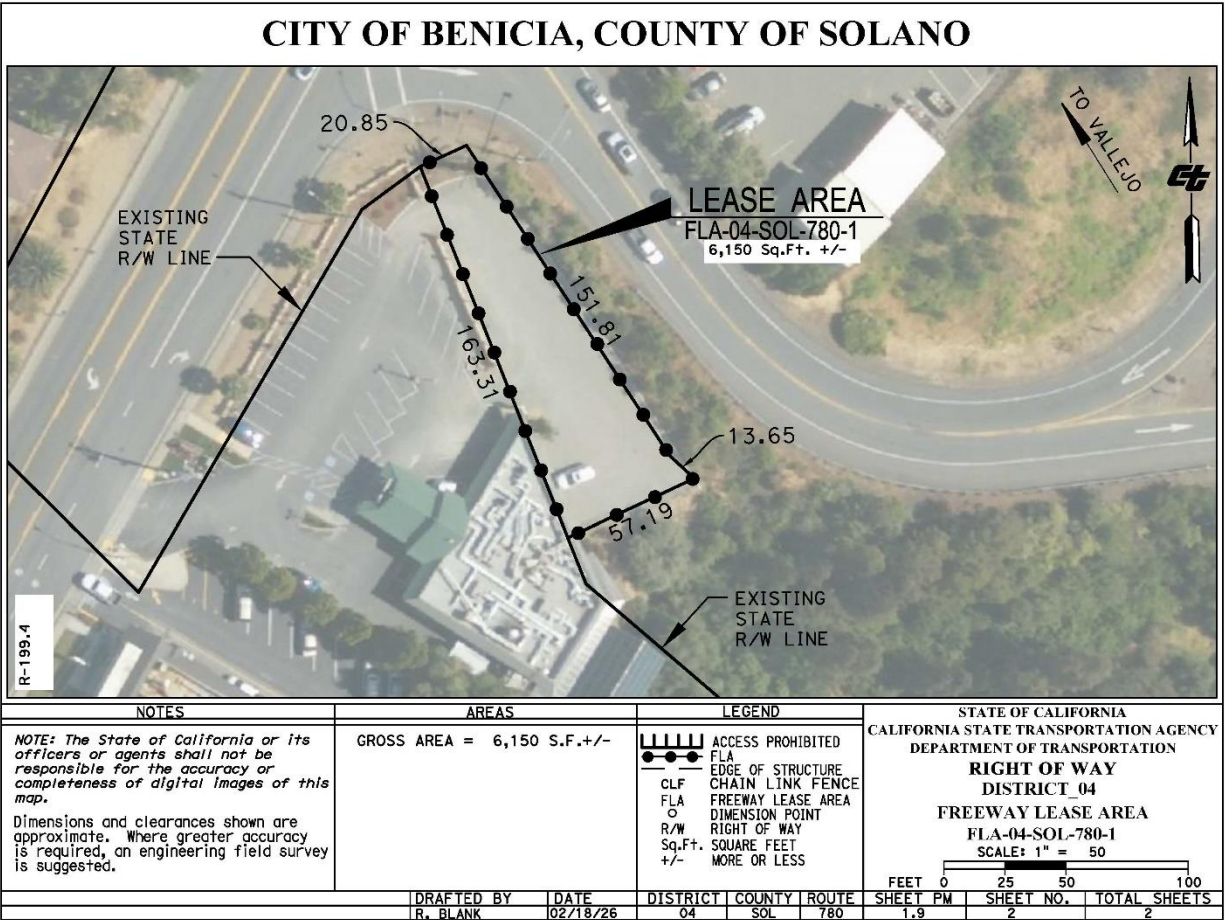
Leasing this site to the proposed/current lessee relieves the Department of maintenance problems and does not detract from the safety and aesthetics of the Department's right of way. The negotiated rental rate will be at fair market rent.

Attachments

Exhibit A – Freeway Lease Area Map Overlay

Exhibit B – Street View Image of Parking Area

Freeway Lease Area Map Overlay



Street View Image of Parking Area

