



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
**September 2, 2008**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Carella Gardens Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project  
(S15071130)**

**Location/Council District:** The Carella Gardens neighborhood is generally bound by 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the north, Sylvia Way and Henrietta Drive on the east, Meadowview Road on the south and Amherst Street on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 8)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Carella Gardens Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (S15071130).

**Contact:** Debb Newton, Program Analyst, 808-6739; Angie Louie, Senior Engineer, 808-7921

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Traffic Engineering

**Organization No:** 15001161

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The Carella Gardens neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in September 2007. The goals of the Carella Gardens NTMP are to lower the critical speed on streets throughout the neighborhood and to increase pedestrian safety adjacent to Sloat Elementary School and park.

**Policy Considerations:** The NTMP is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for improving public safety and achieving sustainability and livability.

**Environmental Considerations:** The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the Carella Gardens NTMP project and has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section 15301(c) and Class 11, Section 15311(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.



Projects exempted under Class 1, Section 15301(c), consist of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Projects exempted under Class 11, Section 15311(a), consist of the construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including, but not limited to on-premise signs.

**Sustainability Considerations:** This project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan. It is aimed at addressing the goals and targets set forth in Transportation Infrastructure and Air Quality Focus Areas by improving and optimizing transportation infrastructure with streets that encourage pedestrian and bicycle use.

**Other:** None

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Phase I Traffic Calming Plan, developed by the Carella Gardens Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeding and pedestrian safety at key locations in the neighborhood through the installation of speed lumps, slow point islands, crosswalks and signage and striping. The plan was recently approved by a vote of residents.

**Phase I Improvements:** The traffic calming plan involves placing physical devices on neighborhood streets. The Phase I plan for the Carella Gardens neighborhood includes the installation of:

- Speed lumps on 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Schreiner Street, Candlewood Way, Sylvia Way, Glidden Avenue and Red Willow Street,
- Slow points on Carella Drive,
- High visibility crosswalks at the intersection of Candlewood Way and Belinda Way and on Sylvia Way at Matson Drive,
- Crosswalks signage on Sylvia Way and Matson Drive,
- Edge line striping on Matson Drive,
- Directional arrow signs in the intersection of Sylvia Way and Matson Drive,
- Neighborhood signs at key entrance points to the neighborhood.

A copy of the ballot, which includes device locations, is included in the Resolution, Exhibit B.

**Ballot Results:** The NTMP requires residents to vote on Phase I measures. In order to have a successful ballot, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned. A majority vote (50%, plus 1) determines the ballot results. Of the ballots mailed to Carella Gardens residents, 25.8% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 84.8% (67 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and

15.2% (12 votes) were opposed. Therefore, the minimum requirement for returned ballots was met and the majority of votes cast were in favor of the Phase I plan.

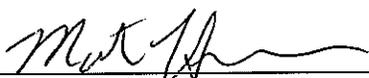
**Financial Considerations:** The estimated cost of the Phase I plan for the Carella Gardens NTMP Project (S15071130) is \$45,000. Funding for this project will come from three sources: \$25,000 from the Carella Gardens Neighborhood NTMP Project (S15071130) (Fund 2001), \$8,800 from the Speed Hump Program (S15071200) (Fund 2001) and \$11,200 from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) (Fund 2101). As of August 4, 2008, the Carella Gardens NTMP Project (S15071130) (Fund 2001) has an unobligated budget of \$25,000, the Speed Hump Program (S15071200) (Fund 2001) has an unobligated budget of \$145,680 and the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) (Fund 2001) has an unobligated budget of \$499,344, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost for Phase I of the Carella Gardens NTMP Project.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Any goods and services will be procured in accordance with established City policy.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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City Traffic Engineer

Approved by:   
for Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background Information:**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995, and officially began in May 1996. Carella Gardens is the thirteenth neighborhood to participate in Council District 8. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in September 2007. Since that time, the following has been accomplished using the three "E's" (Education, Enforcement, Engineering) of this program:

Education

- Newsletters and flyers were sent to residents to inform them of the NTMP process.
- A survey of traffic issues was mailed to each residence for input on traffic concerns and comments for solutions.
- The radar speed board was deployed in the area for a few days each month to educate drivers of their speed.
- Traffic Calming Committee members attended a Neighborhood Traffic Class to learn more about traffic engineering practices, laws and traffic calming devices.

Enforcement

- Residents were informed through flyers about various traffic and parking laws.
- Police traffic enforcement and parking enforcement were requested to address speeding and parking concerns.

Engineering

- A traffic calming plan was designed by the Traffic Calming Committee, reviewed by City Engineering staff and presented to neighborhood residents for comment at a community meeting.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**CARELLA GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
PROJECT APPROVAL (S15071130)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Carella Gardens Neighborhood NTMP Project (S15071130) began in September 2007. The project has followed the NTMP guidelines established by Council resolution. Exhibit A identifies project boundaries.
- C. A traffic calming plan has been designed by residents serving on the Traffic Calming Committee and voted on by neighborhood residents with an 84.8% approval rate. Exhibit B (attached) is the ballot.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Carella Gardens NTMP Project (S15071130) is approved.

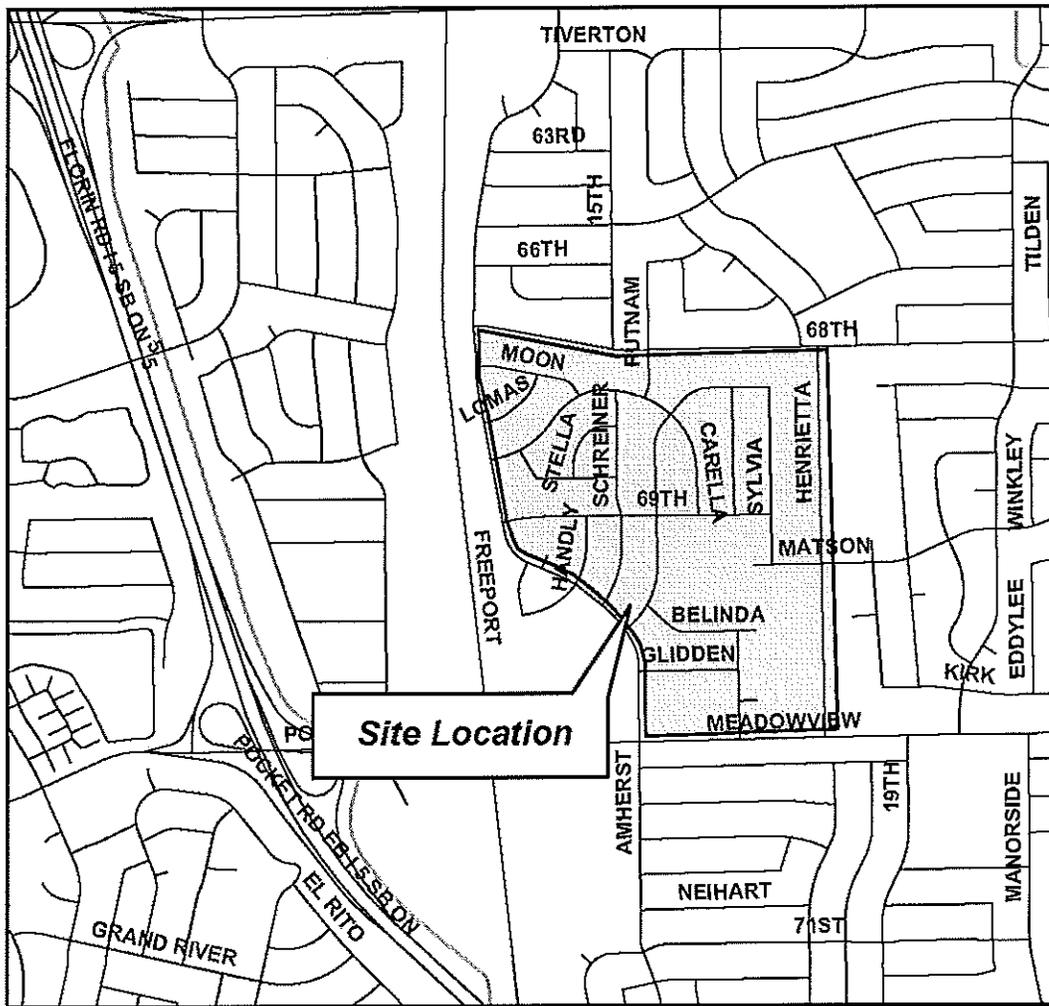
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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR  
CARELLA GARDENS NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD  
(PROJECT ID: S15071130)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi  
Date: July 29, 2008



EXHIBIT B

**It's easy to vote!**  
Tear off the ballot, cast your vote and drop it in the mail. (postage is paid.)  
**Carella Gardens**

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**Proposed Measures for Your Neighborhood**

Below are the recommended measures. If approved, the measures will be constructed at no cost to residents and /or homeowners. You are asked to vote in favor of or against the entire traffic calming plan which includes the following measures:

- Speed Lumps** – Install on:
- 69<sup>th</sup> Av between Amherst St & Candlewood Wy (2), Schreiner St between Carella Dr & 69<sup>th</sup> Av (2), Candlewood Wy between Carella Dr & 69<sup>th</sup> Av (1), Sylvania Wy between Candlewood Wy and Matson Dr (3), Glidden Av (1), Red Willow St between Belinda Wy and Meadowview Rd (1).

**Slow Points** – Install five slow points on Carella Dr between Amherst St and 69<sup>th</sup> Av, adjacent to the addresses at 7421, 7449/7453, 7471, 7475 and 7485/7487 Carella Dr.

**High Visibility (Triple-Four) Crosswalk** – Change out the existing standard crosswalks to Triple-Four crosswalks on:

- Candlewood Wy, north of Belinda Wy,
- Belinda Wy, east of Candlewood Wy,
- Sylvania Wy, north of Matson Dr.

**Crosswalk Signage** – Install crosswalk signs at the crosswalk near the elbow of Sylvania Wy and Matson Dr. **Edge Line** – Install edge line on the north side of Matson Dr approaching the elbow at Sylvania Wy.

**Direction Arrow Signs** – Replace damaged signs on the south and west sides of the intersection of Matson Dr & Sylvania Wy

**Neighborhood Signs** - Install "Carella Gardens" signs on:

- Moon Av, east of Amherst St,
- 69<sup>th</sup> Av, east of Amherst St,
- Candlewood Wy, east of Amherst St,
- Amherst St, north of Meadowview Rd at the beginning of the residential properties,
- Red Willow St, north of Meadowview Rd,
- Matson Dr, West of Henrietta Dr,
- Putnam Wy, south of 68<sup>th</sup> Av.

**Do you want traffic calming measures in your neighborhood?**

You have the opportunity to vote on a traffic calming plan for your neighborhood. This vote is to determine if the measures recommended by the Traffic Calming Committee (TCC), which consists of residents from your neighborhood, will be implemented.

The TCC assisted city staff in developing the plan. Various measures were reviewed and agreed upon by the TCC.

**Your Vote Counts!**

Every address (residence and business) within your neighborhood has received this notice and ballot. Now is your opportunity to vote for or against the proposed traffic calming measures.

You and your neighbors will decide whether or not the traffic calming measures will be implemented in your neighborhood.

If enough votes are in favor, the plan will be presented to City Council for review, final approval and funding. In order to pass, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned with a simple majority in favor of the plan.

For more information call

**(916) 808-8300**

[www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation)

One ballot per address.  
**My address**

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**Yes** – I am in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

**No** – I am not in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

**Comments**

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All responses must be postmarked by  
**July 18, 2008**

