



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
October 21, 2008

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Restriction of Traffic Through the Alley Bounded Between Rio Linda Boulevard, Roanoke Avenue, Cypress Street and Grand Avenue; Restricted Traffic Proceeding No. RT08-01

**Location/Council District:** Alley bounded between Rio Linda Boulevard, Roanoke Avenue, Cypress Street and Grand Avenue in Council District 2 (see Attachment 2, Page 5).

**Recommendation:** Adopt the attached **Resolution** authorizing the restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley bounded between Rio Linda Boulevard, Roanoke Avenue, Cypress Street and Grand Avenue.

**Contact:** Jerry Lovato, Senior Engineering Technician, (916) 808-7918; Thomas Adams, Engineering Technician, (916) 808-7929

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 15001181

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) has requested the restricted access of this subject alley to help eliminate or reduce the amount of criminal activity and illegal dumping within this subject alleyway.

A summary of the project's history is included in Attachment 1, Page 4.

**Policy Considerations:** The procedures under which the restriction of traffic is being initiated are set forth in the Vehicle Code Section 21102.1 and Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.40 allowing the restriction of traffic through an alley or alleys for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare. This restriction is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan focus area in that it will improve and expand public safety, achieve sustainability and enhance livability. This is in keeping with the City's vision of being the most livable city in America.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The Environmental Planning Services section of the Development Services Department 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 3, Section 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempt under Section 15301(c), consist of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Projects exempt under Class 3, Section 15303(e), consist of the construction of small accessory structures.

**Sustainability Considerations:** None

**Committee/Commission Action:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Adoption of the attached Resolution will provide additional security for the property owners by eliminating the opportunity for individuals to commit illegal acts and illegally dump within this subject alleyway.

**Financial Considerations:** This request is processed under the Problem Alley Abatement Program of the City. The Problem Alley Abatement Program provides for the construction of gates and necessary signs on alleys with crime-related problems. The total estimated cost to process this alley request is \$3,000. Fifty percent will be paid for by the Problem Alley Abatement Program (1001-15000-15001181) and the other fifty percent will be paid for by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). The Problem Alley Abatement Program has sufficient funding to complete the restriction of traffic through the alley bounded between Rio Linda Boulevard, Roanoke Avenue, Cypress Street and Grand Avenue.

The City's share of the Problem Alley Abatement Program is currently funded through the Department of Transportation, Engineering Services Division's Operating Budget. Staff will be returning to Council to recommend the establishment of a new Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the Problem Alley Abatement Program and to fully fund this program with Local Transportation Funds instead of the Division's Operating Budget.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background****The Restriction of Traffic through the Alley Bounded Between Rio Linda Boulevard, Roanoke Avenue, Cypress Street and Grand Avenue**

This proposed alley restriction was requested by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) which owns property adjacent to this subject alleyway. The alley is currently unrestricted to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This accessibility has allowed illegal dumping and other crimes to be committed within this secluded alleyway. Many of these activities have been documented by the Sacramento Police Department which supports the restriction of this subject alley (see Attachment 3, Page 6).

The restriction of this alley will entail the installation of one gate placed near the entrance of the alley. This gate will be locked and only allow City agencies, utility companies and emergency personnel access through the alley (see Attachment 2, Page 5). The restriction of this alley will assist in deterring criminal activity and illegal dumping by restricting access for all non-residents who do not own property adjacent to this subject alleyway.

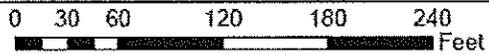
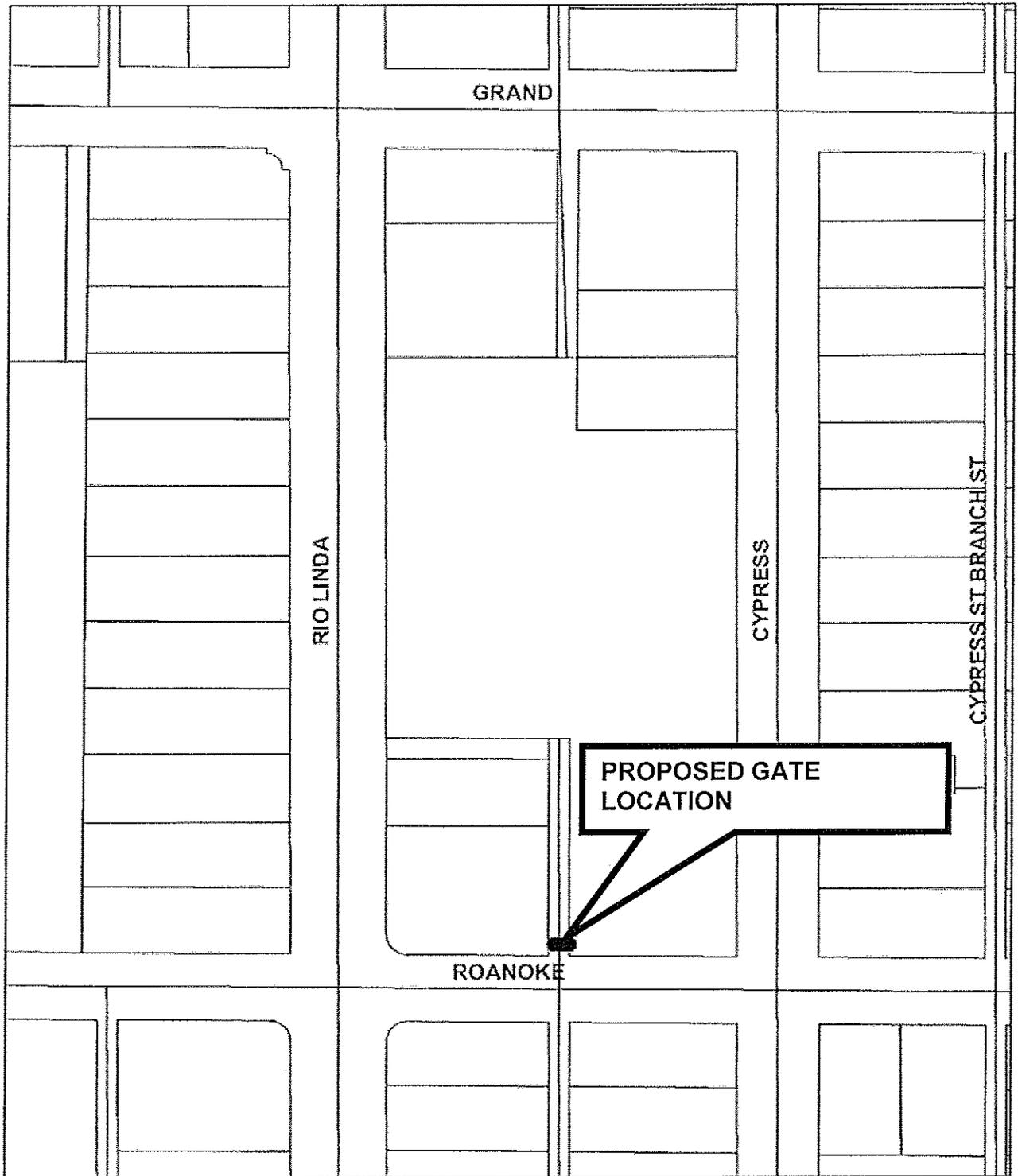
The total estimated cost of processing this alley restriction along with the gate and sign installation will be \$3,000. This cost will be shared between the City's Problem Alley Abatement Program and SHRA. Each entity will pay \$1,500 towards the cost of installing the gate and required signs.

In addition to the Police Department's support of the alley restriction of the subject alley, the City of Sacramento Fire Department has also given support to the alley closure. The Fire Department certifies that the proposed alley restriction will not adversely impact their operation or the safety within the surrounding neighborhoods (see Attachment 4, Page 7).

The restriction of this subject alley is also supported by the City of Sacramento's Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT certifies that the proposed alley restriction does not include a through highway or arterial street and that the alley restriction allows adequate and safe traffic circulation on the adjacent streets (see Attachment 5, Page 8).

Section 12.40.030 of the City Code states that any restriction of vehicular or pedestrian traffic authorized pursuant to Section 12.40.020 shall remain in effect for such a period of time as specified in the City Council's resolution authorizing such restriction. Or, if no time period is specified, until the City Council finds that such restriction is no longer necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health, or welfare.

# ALLEY RESTRICTION



3700 Rio Linda Blvd @ Roanoke Avenue and Cypress Street





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**Subject: The proposed restriction of traffic through the Alley bounded by Rio Linda Blvd., Cypress St. and Roanoke Ave.**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alley proposed for restriction of traffic. On behalf of the Police Department, I find that the area of the proposed restriction of traffic on the subject alley suffers from serious and continual criminal activity. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic contributes to this activity. Given the ongoing criminal activity in the area of this alley, I recommend that the proposed restriction of traffic on the alley be implemented. Such action would substantially alleviate the serious and continual criminal activity in the area. Additional comments below.

The Following are the Calls for Service/ Crime Related, for the area of the alley bounded by Rio Linda Blvd, Cypress St. and Roanoke Ave. The period of time is from Oct. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a period of one year:

- Narcotics Related .....5
  - Parole Violations .....2
  - Stolen Vehicles.....3
  - Stolen Vehicle Recovery.....3
  - Gang Activity.....1
  - Suspicious activity.....2
  - Suspicious occupied Vehicle...4
  - Petty Theft.....1
  - Subject Stop.....21
  - Traffic Stops.....14
  - Disturbance.....4
  - Domestic Violence.....1
- The number of calls in the past year total 61.

Police Department Signature:

Lt. Kevin Gardner

Attachment 4



RE DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

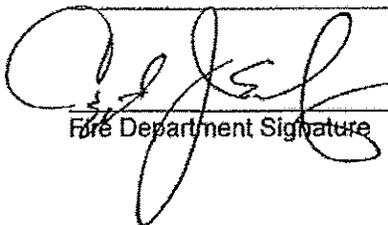
TO: City of Sacramento  
Development Services  
915 I Street, Room 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: - CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC  
THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY RIO LINDA BLVD,  
CYPRESS ST. AND ROANOKE AVE. (See Attached map)

I have reviewed the material on the subject alley proposed for restriction of traffic. On behalf of the Department, I find that the proposed restriction will not adversely impact the operations of the Sacramento Fire Department. The Fire Department supports this restriction of traffic. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

*OK with Knox Lock Pad Lock!*

  
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Fire Department Signature

*9/30/08*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
City of Sacramento



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MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Sacramento  
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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE  
ALLEY BOUNDED BY RIO LINDA BLVD, CYPRESS ST. AND  
ROANOKE AVE.

In reference to the requested restriction of traffic, I have reviewed the material on the above subject alley. I find the alley is under the City of Sacramento's jurisdiction and the proposed restriction of traffic does not include an arterial or a through street. It also appears that the restriction will allow adequate traffic circulation on the area. The Department of public works supports this restriction of traffic on the subject alley. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

No OBJECTIONS  
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Traffic Engineering Signature

8/29/08  
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Date

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BETWEEN RIO LINDA BOULEVARD, ROANOKE AVENUE, CYPRESS STREET AND GRAND AVENUE; RESTRICTED TRAFFIC PROCEEDING NO. RT08-01**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City received a request from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) for the restriction of the adjacent alleyway bounded by Rio Linda Boulevard, Roanoke Avenue, Cypress and Grand Streets.
- B. SHRA has agreed to pay 50 percent of the total costs to construct the alley gate and placement of the necessary signage. The other 50 percent will be paid for by the City's Problem Alley Abatement Program.
- C. In accordance with Section 21102.1 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California and with Chapter 12.40 of the Sacramento City Code, the City Council hereby considers approval of the restriction of traffic on the following subject alley to help prevent future criminal acts.

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

- Section 1. Restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley bounded by Rio Linda Boulevard, Roanoke Avenue, Cypress Street and Grand Avenue, Sacramento is necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, Safety, health or welfare.
- Section 2. City Council grants the restriction of the subject alley with the following conditions:
  - a) A gate security device approved by the Sacramento Fire Department will be installed on the gates.
  - b) City departments and utility companies will have twenty-four (24) hour access to their facilities within the alley.
  - c) Signs giving notice of such restrictions shall be installed at the entrances to the subject alley prior to the installation of the gate security device.

- d) The gate security device shall not be operated in a selective manner that restricts the access of some vehicles and/or pedestrians to the subject alley, while permitting other vehicles and pedestrians unrestricted access to the alley.
  
- e) In the event that the gate security device requires construction by a private entity for improvements in the public right-of-way, a revocable encroachment permit and an excavation permit must be obtained from the Department of Transportation. The revocable encroachment permit is to be issued simultaneously with this Resolution. The excavation permit, if required, may be issued subsequent to this Resolution, but must be obtained prior to the construction of improvements in the public right-of-way. Staff recommends that the City Manager waive the fee for the revocable encroachment permit.