



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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Consent
November 18, 2008

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

**Title: Heron Park Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project
(S15071134)**

Location/Council District: The Heron Park neighborhood is generally bound by Club Center Drive on the north, Natomas Boulevard on the east, North Park Drive on the south and Northborough Drive on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 1)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Heron Park Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (S15071134).

Contact: Cindy Bates, Program Analyst, 808-6738; Angie Louie, Senior Engineer, 808-7921

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 15001161

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Heron Park neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in November 2007. The goals of the Heron Park NTMP are to reduce speeding, enhance safety at key intersections for pedestrians and motorists and enhance safety adjacent to Heron Elementary School.

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 Heron Park 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 the Transportation Infrastructure and Air Quality Focus Areas by improving and optimizing transportation infrastructure with streets that encourage pedestrians and bicycles.

Other: None

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The Phase I Traffic Calming Plan, developed by the Heron Park Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeding and vehicular and pedestrian safety at key locations in the neighborhood through the installation of speed lumps, pedestrian and median islands and additional striping and signage at the crosswalk in front of Heron Elementary School. 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 Heron Park neighborhood includes the installation of:

- Pedestrian refuge Islands on:
 - Banfield Drive and Minden Way-north and south leg of the intersection on Banfield Drive. The north island will be built to extend a median island past the driveway of Heron Elementary School.
- Left turn restriction signs on:
 - South end of the parking lot exit on Banfield Drive at Heron Elementary School
- School signs on:
 - Minden Way and New Hampshire Way
- Pedestrian signs on:
 - Banfield Drive between Anton Way and Tramonti Court in the center of roadway on both approaches to midblock crosswalk and red curb on both approaches to the mid-block crosswalk
- Speed Lumps on:
 - Maybrook Drive between Fredericksburg Way and Minden Way -Two speed lumps

Banfield Drive between Sherington Way and Anton Way -Three speed lumps

Minden Way between Fredericksburg and west leg of Minden Way - Two speed lumps

New Hampshire Way between Natomas Boulevard and Banfield Drive -Two speed lumps

25 MPH Speed legend on:

Maybrook Drive east of Northborough Drive

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 Heron Park residents, 31.5% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 81% (132 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 19% (31 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 Heron Park NTMP Project (S15071134) is \$35,650. Funding for this project will come from three sources: \$25,000 from the Heron Park NTMP Project (S15071134) (Fund 2001), \$6,000 from the Speed Hump Program (S15071200) (Fund 2001) and \$4,650 from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) (Fund 2001). As of July 25, 2008, the Heron Park NTMP Project (S15071134) (Fund 2001) has an unobligated budget of \$25,000 and the Speed Hump Program (S15071200) (Fund 2001) has an unobligated budget of \$227,234, and the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) has an unobligated balance of \$630,787, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost for Phase I of the Heron Park NTMP Project.

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

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Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

Ray Kerridge
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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. Heron Park is the thirteenth neighborhood to participate in Council District 1. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in November 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

**HERON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT APPROVAL (S15071134)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Heron Park NTMP Project (S15071134) began in November 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 81% 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 Heron Park NTMP Project (S15071134) is approved.

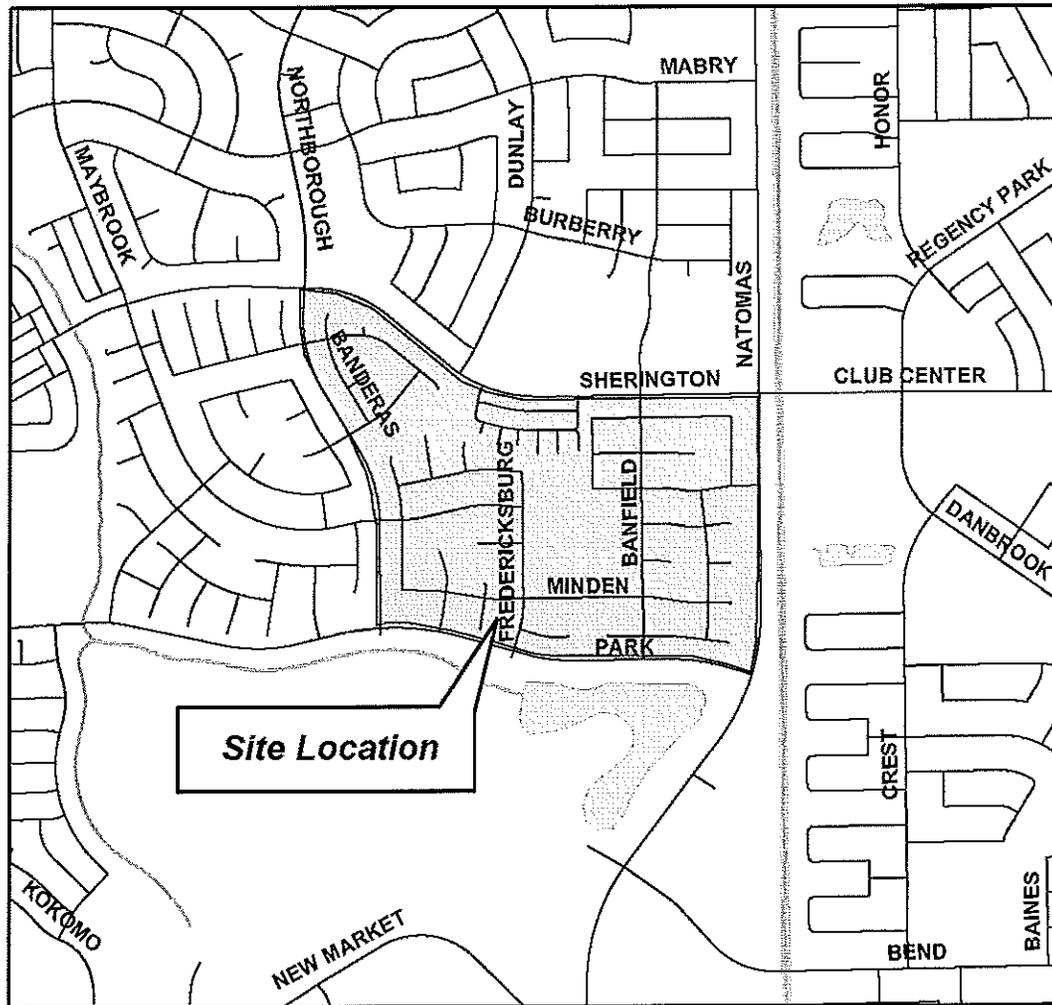
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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR
HERON PARK NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(PN:S15071134)



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Date: September 4, 2008

