



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
May 12, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Restriction of Traffic Through the Alleyway Bounded Between 44th/45th/S/T Streets; Restricted Traffic Proceeding No. RT09-02

Location/Council District: Alley bounded between 44th and 45th Streets, S and T Streets; Council District 6 (see Attachment 2, Page 5).

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley bounded between 44th/45th/S/T Streets.

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 adjacent property owner's have 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

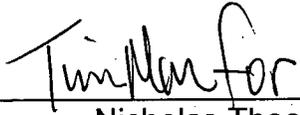
Committee/Commission Action: None

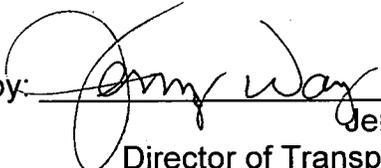
Rationale for Recommendation: Adoption of the attached Resolution will provide additional security for the property owners by eliminating the opportunity for individuals to commit illegal acts and illegally dump within this subject alleyway.

Financial Considerations: The cost associated with this request is paid by the Alley Abatement Program (T15090900). The total estimated cost to process this alley request is \$3,000; fifty percent of the total costs will be paid for by the City of Sacramento's Alley Abatement Program (T15090900) and the other fifty percent will be paid for by the adjacent property owners. There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

As of April 14, 2009 the Alley Abatement Program (T15090900) has a total budget of \$60,000 and an unobligated balance of \$58,000, which is sufficient to proceed with the alley restriction.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

This proposed alley restriction was requested by the adjacent property owners along this subject alleyway. The alleyway is currently unrestricted to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This accessibility has allowed 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 center 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 by restricting access for all non-residents who do not own property adjacent to this subject alleyway.

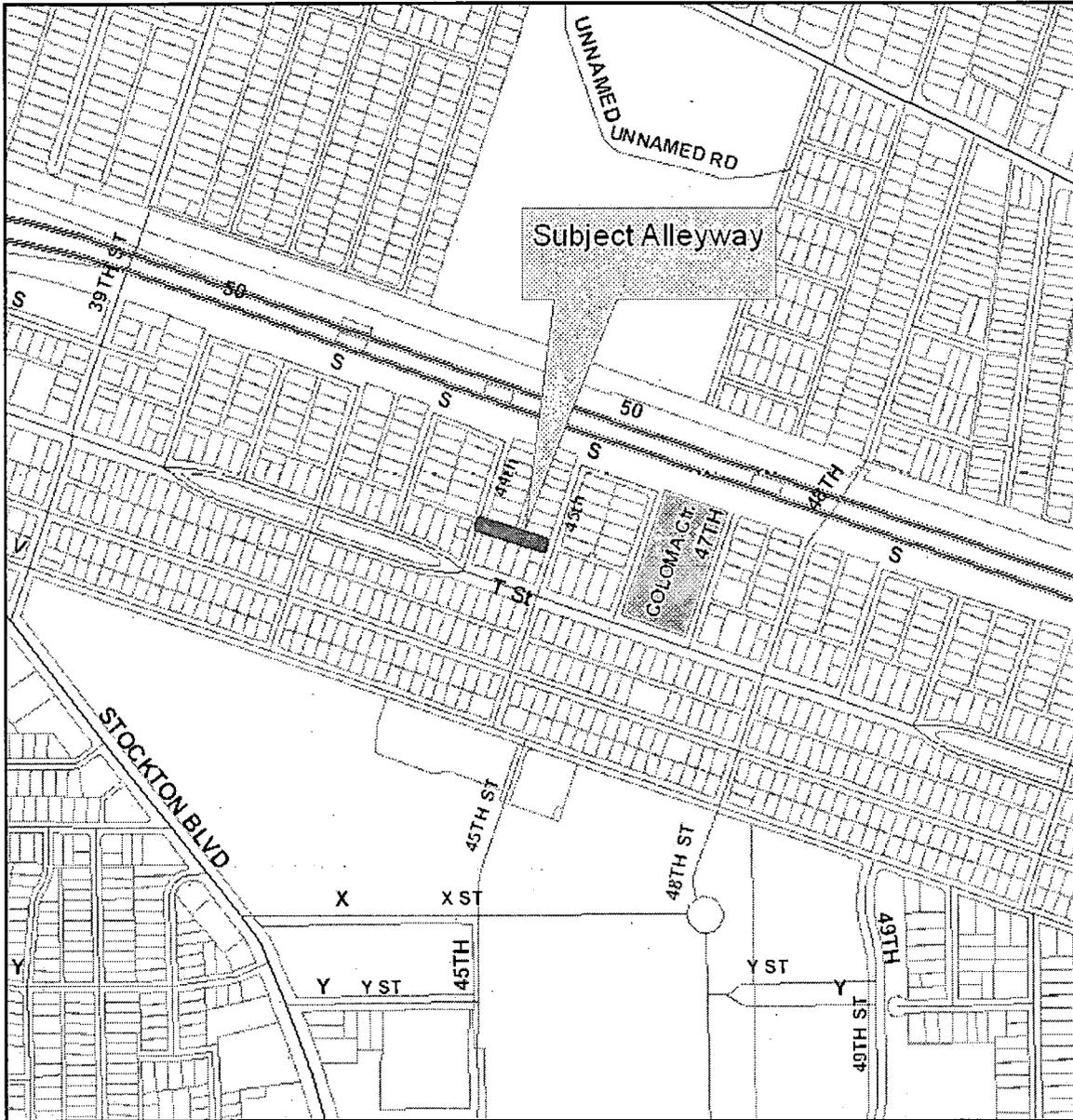
The total estimated cost to process this alley restriction along with the gate and sign installation will be \$3,000. This cost will be shared between the City of Sacramento's Alley Abatement Program (T15090900) and the adjacent property owners. Each entity will pay fifty percent of the total cost to install the gate and required signs. The property owners have fulfilled their obligation by providing their fair-share (\$1,500) towards the alley gate and signage costs.

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).

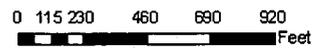
The restriction of this subject alley is also supported by the City of Sacramento's Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT certifies that the proposed alley restriction does not include a through highway or arterial street and that the alley restriction allows adequate and safe traffic circulation on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

LOCATION MAP FOR Alley Restriction



Map Contact: T. Adams
Map Date: Apr/09



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Sacramento
Department of Transportation
300 Richards Blvd., Floor 300
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR THE CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE
ALLEY BOUNDED BY 44th and 45th Streets, S and T Streets.

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 alley closure of traffic on the subject alley suffers from 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 may follow below.

COMMENTS:

THE NUMBER OF CALLS ISN'T THAT HIGH BUT
THE TYPES OF CALLS INDICATES THERE ARE
POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT CRIMES A FOOT.

Chris Taylor SGT
Police Department Signature

DEC. 15, 2009
Date



RE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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5770 Freerport Blvd. Room 200
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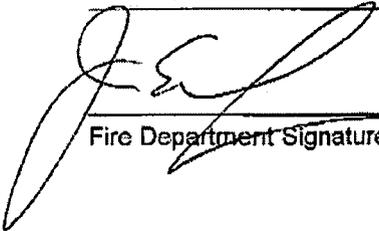
MEMORANDUM

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 44th and 45th Streets, S and
T Streets.**

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:



Fire Department Signature

4-13-09

Date



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

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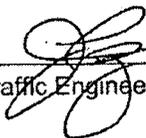
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THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY 44th and 45th Streets, S and
T Streets. (See Attached map)

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:

*TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED
TO THIS CLOSURE.*


Traffic Engineering Signature

1-8-09
Date

Department of
TRANSPORTATION
City of Sacramento

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Restriction of Traffic Through the Alleyway Bounded Between 44th/45th/S/T Streets; Restricted Traffic Proceeding No. RT09-02

BACKGROUND

- A. The City received a request from the adjacent property owners for the restriction of the alleyway bounded by 44th, 45th, S and T Streets.
- B. The property owners have agreed to pay fifty percent of the total costs to construct the alley gate and placement of the necessary signage. The other fifty percent of total costs will be paid for by the City of Sacramento's Alley Abatement Program (T15090900).
- 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 44th, 45th, S and T Streets, 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 City of Sacramento, 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.