



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
May 19, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: El Monte Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project
(S15071128) and Fund Transfer

Location/Council District: The El Monte neighborhood is generally bound by Arden Way on the north, Edgewater Road on the east, Del Paso Boulevard on the south and Acoma Street on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 2)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the El Monte Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (S15071128) and transfer of funds.

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 El Monte neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in February 2008. The goals of the El Monte NTMP are to lower speeds, reduce cut-through traffic and improve pedestrian safety in the neighborhood.

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

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the El Monte 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 pedestrians and bicycles.

Other: None

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The Phase I Traffic Calming Plan, developed by the El Monte Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeds and cut-through traffic in the neighborhood through the installation of speed lumps, a raised island, raised curb, center median, accessibility gate, signs, crosswalks and landscape rock. 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 Traffic Calming Plan for the El Monte neighborhood includes the installation of:

- Speed lumps on:
Colfax Street and Edgewater Road,
- Raised island with pedestrian access in the intersection of:
Colfax Street and El Monte Avenue,
- Standard crosswalk on:
El Monte Avenue, east of Colfax Street
- Accessibility gate on:
East end of El Monte Avenue,
- Landscape rock in the planter area between:
El Monte Ave cul-de-sac and Edgewater Road.

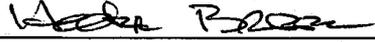
- Raised curb on:
Edgewater Road south of Arden Way,
- Center median on:
Edgewater Road,
- "No Outlet" signs approaching the intersection of :
El Monte Avenue and Dale Avenue,

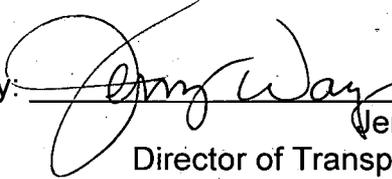
A copy of the ballot, which includes device locations, is included in the Resolution, Exhibit B.

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 El Monte residents, 42.9% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 60% (9 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 40% (6 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 Phase I Traffic Calming Plan of the El Monte NTMP Project (S15071128) is \$30,000. As of April 20, 2009, the El Monte NTMP Project (S15071128) has a total budget of \$25,000 and an unobligated balance of \$25,000. Approval of the fund transfer from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) in the amount of \$5,000 to the El Monte NTMP Project (S15071128) will increase the total budget to \$30,000 which is sufficient to cover the project costs. There are no general funds planned or allocated for this 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: 
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. El Monte is the thirteenth neighborhood to participate in Council District 2. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in February 2008. 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 are aware of availability of police and parking enforcement to address speeding and parking concerns but it was not requested for this area.

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

**EL MONTE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT APPROVAL (S15071128)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The El Monte NTMP Project (S15071128) began in February 2008. 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 a 60% approval rate. Exhibit B (attached) is the ballot.
- D. The El Monte NTMP Project (S15071128) will include an accessibility gate on the existing sidewalk. The gate will allow pedestrian and wheelchair access, but prevent motorcycles from using the sidewalk as a cut-through.

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

Section 1. The El Monte NTMP Project (S15071128) is approved.

Section 2. The FY08/09 Capital Improvement Program Budget is amended by transferring \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) to the El Monte NTMP Project (S15071128).

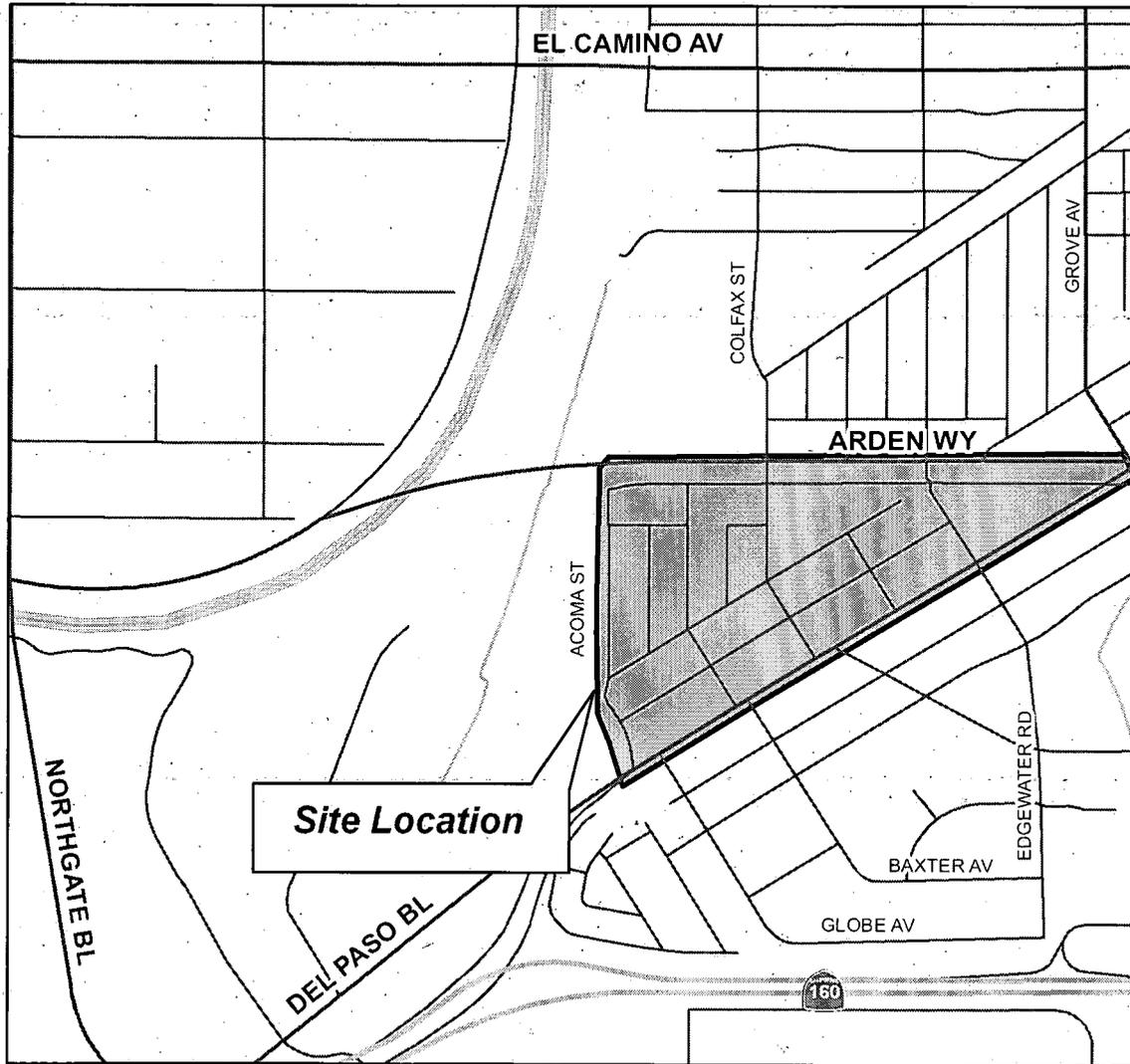
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EXHIBIT A

Location map for
EL MONTE NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(S15071128)



Map Contact: Pedro Sanchez
Date: April 21, 2009

