



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 1, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Restriction of Through Traffic of the Alleyway Bounded by Roanoke and South Avenues, Belden and Clay Streets Adjacent to Mama Marks Park; Restricted Traffic Proceeding No. RT09-04

Location/Council District: The Alleyway bounded between Roanoke Avenue, South Avenue, Belden and Clay Streets in Council District 2 (see Attachment 2, Page 5).

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alleyway bounded between Roanoke and South Avenues, Belden and Clay 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: 15001151

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento's Parks and Recreation Department have requested the restricted access of this alley to help eliminate and reduce the amount of criminal activity and illegal dumping within the alleyway.

Policy Considerations: The procedures under which the restriction of traffic are 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 Community Development 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 reduce the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and provide additional security for the property owners by reducing the opportunity for individuals to enter the alleyway to commit illegal acts and illegally dump trash.

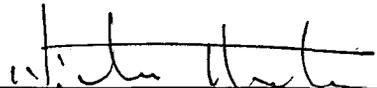
Financial Considerations: The total estimated cost to process this alley request is \$3,000. Fifty percent of the total costs will be paid for by the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900, Fund 2002) and fifty percent of the total costs will be paid for by the City of Sacramento's Parks and Recreation Department (L19196000 – Mama Marks Park, Fund 3701).

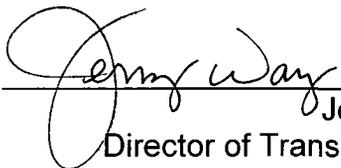
As of July 1, 2009 the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) has a total budget of \$60,000 and an unobligated balance of \$60,000, which is sufficient to cover the total estimated cost share of \$1,500.

As of July 1, 2009 the Mama Marks Park Program (L19196000) has a total budget of \$189,000 and an unobligated balance of \$89,803, which is sufficient to cover the total estimated cost share of \$1,500.

There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

This proposed alley restriction was requested by the City of Sacramento's Park and Recreation Department. The alleyway is currently unrestricted to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This accessibility has allowed the alleyway to be utilized for illegal dumping and clandestine drug use. Many of these activities have been documented by the Sacramento Police Department in which over a year's span from 2008 to 2009 many calls for service have been reported. The type and volume of calls for service has garnered support from the Sacramento Police Department (see Attachment 3, Page 6).

The restriction of this alley will entail the installation of a six-foot high wrought iron gate at the entrance of the alleyway facing Roanoke Avenue. This will restrict vehicular as well as pedestrian access to the alleyway. The restriction of this alley will assist in deterring criminal activity and reducing the number of vehicles and unwanted visitors utilizing the alleyway as a means to conduct criminal acts.

The total estimated cost of installing the 6 foot high gate with appropriate signs and locks will be \$3,000. This cost will be shared between the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) and the City of Sacramento's Park and Recreation Department (L19196000 – Mama Marks Park). Each entity will pay fifty percent towards the cost of installing the gate and required signs.

In addition to the Police Department's support of this alley restriction, the Fire Department has also given support to the alley restriction. 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).

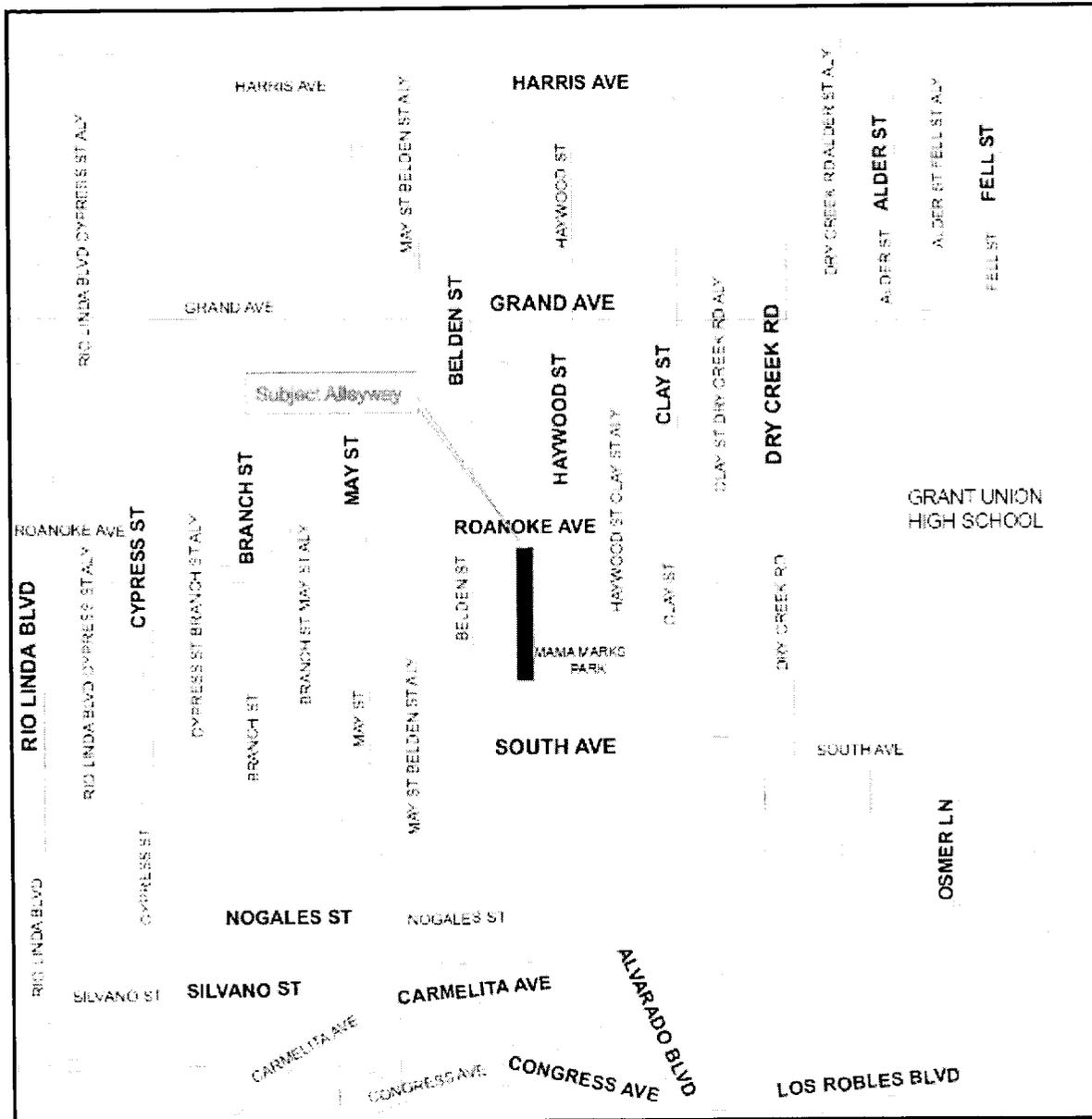
The restriction of this subject alley is also supported by the City of Sacramento Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT certifies that the proposed alley restriction does not include a through highway or arterial street and that the alley restriction allows adequate and safe traffic circulation on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

City staff supports this request for alley restriction of the subject alleyway.

Attachment 2

LOCATION MAP FOR
MAMA MARKS PARK



Department of
TRANSPORTATION

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



Attachment 3

MEMORANDUM

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

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH
THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY ROANOKE AVENUE, SOUTH AVENUE,
BELDEN and CLAY 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 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 may follow bellow.

COMMENTS:

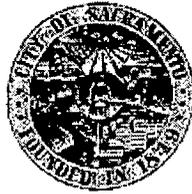
WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS CLOSURE.

Chris Taylor
Police Department Signature

8/3/09
Date



Attachment 4



FIRE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

5770 Prospect Blvd. Room 300
Sacramento CA 95822

Phone (916) 433-1300

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 ROANOKE AVENUE, SOUTH AVENUE, BELDEN and CLAY STREET (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! Make sure that
gates are locked with
KNOX locks!*

Thanks



Fire Department Signature

6-15-09

Date

Department of
TRANSPORTATION
City of Sacramento

Attachment 5



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

915 I Street, Room 209
Sacramento, CA 95811

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Phone (916) 808-7607

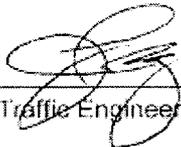
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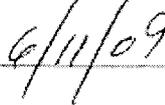
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In reference to the requested restriction of traffic, I have reviewed the material on the above subject alley. I find the alley is under the City of Sacramento's jurisdiction and the proposed restriction of traffic does not include an arterial or a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

COMMENTS:



Traffic Engineering Signature



Date



Attachment 6

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESTRICTION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC OF THE ALLEYWAY BOUNDED BETWEEN ROANOKE AND SOUTH AVENUES, BELDEN AND CLAY STREETS AT MAMA MARKS PARK
PROCEEDING NO. RT09-04**

BACKGROUND

- A. The City received a request from the City of Sacramento's Parks and Recreation Department for the restriction of the subject adjacent alleyway bounded by Roanoke and South Avenues, Belden and Clay Streets adjacent to Mama Marks Park.
- B. The City of Sacramento's Parks and Recreation Department (L19196000 – Mama Marks Park) has agreed to pay fifty (50) percent of the total costs to construct the alley gate and placement of the necessary signage. The other fifty (50) percent of total costs will be paid for by the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900).
- 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 traffic through the subject alleyway bounded by Roanoke and South Avenues, Belden and Clay Streets adjacent to Mama Marks Park is necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare of the neighborhood.
- Section 2. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the subject alleyway bounded by Roanoke and South Avenues, Belden and Clay Streets adjacent to Mama Marks Park is restricted under the following conditions:
 - a) A locking security device approved by the City of Sacramento Fire Department will be installed on the gate.
 - 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 locking 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 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. The City Manager is authorized to waive the fee for the revocable encroachment permit.