



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
October 20, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

**Title: Southside Park Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project
(S15071139)**

Location/Council District: The Southside Park neighborhood is generally bound by the R Street/S Street Alley on the north, 9th Street on the east, W Street on the south and 3rd Street on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 4)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Southside Park Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (S15071139).

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 Southside Park neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in August 2008. The goals of the Southside Park NTMP are to improve safety at key intersections in the neighborhood, reduce the critical speed on 3rd Street, 5th Street and 6th Street and increase parking proximate to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and James Masjid Mosque.

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 Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services Division, has reviewed the Southside 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 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 Southside Park Traffic Calming Committee, addresses pedestrian and vehicle safety at key intersections, speeding and parking shortages in the neighborhood through the installation of stop signs, standard crosswalks, a pedestrian island, speed legends, angled parking, centerline striping and neighborhood signs. 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 Southside Park neighborhood includes the installation of:

- Stop signs to create all-way stops at the intersections of:
S Street and 3rd Street, S Street and 7th Street and T Street and 6th Street,
- Stop Ahead signs on:
3rd Street north and south of S Street,
- Standard crosswalks on :
S Street east and west of 3rd Street and on T Street west of 6th Street,
- Speed limit signs and legends on :
5th Street north of W Street,

- Angled parking on:
4th Street between U and V Streets, V Street between 4th And 5th Streets,
7th Street between S and T Streets and 8th Street between T and W
Streets,
- Centerline striping on:
6th Street and 8th Street between T Street and W Street,
- Neighborhood signs on:
S Street east of 3rd Street, S Street west of 9th Street, 5th Street north of W
Street and 7th Street north of S Street.

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 should be returned. A majority vote (50%), plus 1 determines the ballot results. Of the ballots mailed to Southside Park residents, 30.7% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 87.4% (111 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 12.6% (16 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 Southside Park NTMP Project (S15071139) is \$49,455. As of Sept 21, 2009, the Southside Park NTMP Project (S15071139) has a total budget of \$60,000 and an unobligated balance of \$59,933, which is sufficient to cover the project costs. There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

The approval of this project will support one job in the City of Sacramento based upon the model provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of one new job for every \$35,000 in transportation project investment.

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

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Hector Barron
City Traffic Engineer

Approved by: Jerry Way
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

Ray Kerridge
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. Southside Park is the eleventh neighborhood to participate in Council District 4. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in August 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 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

**SOUTHSIDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT APPROVAL (S15071139)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Southside Park NTMP Project (S15071139) began in August 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 an 87.4% 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 Southside Park NTMP Project (S15071139) is hereby approved.

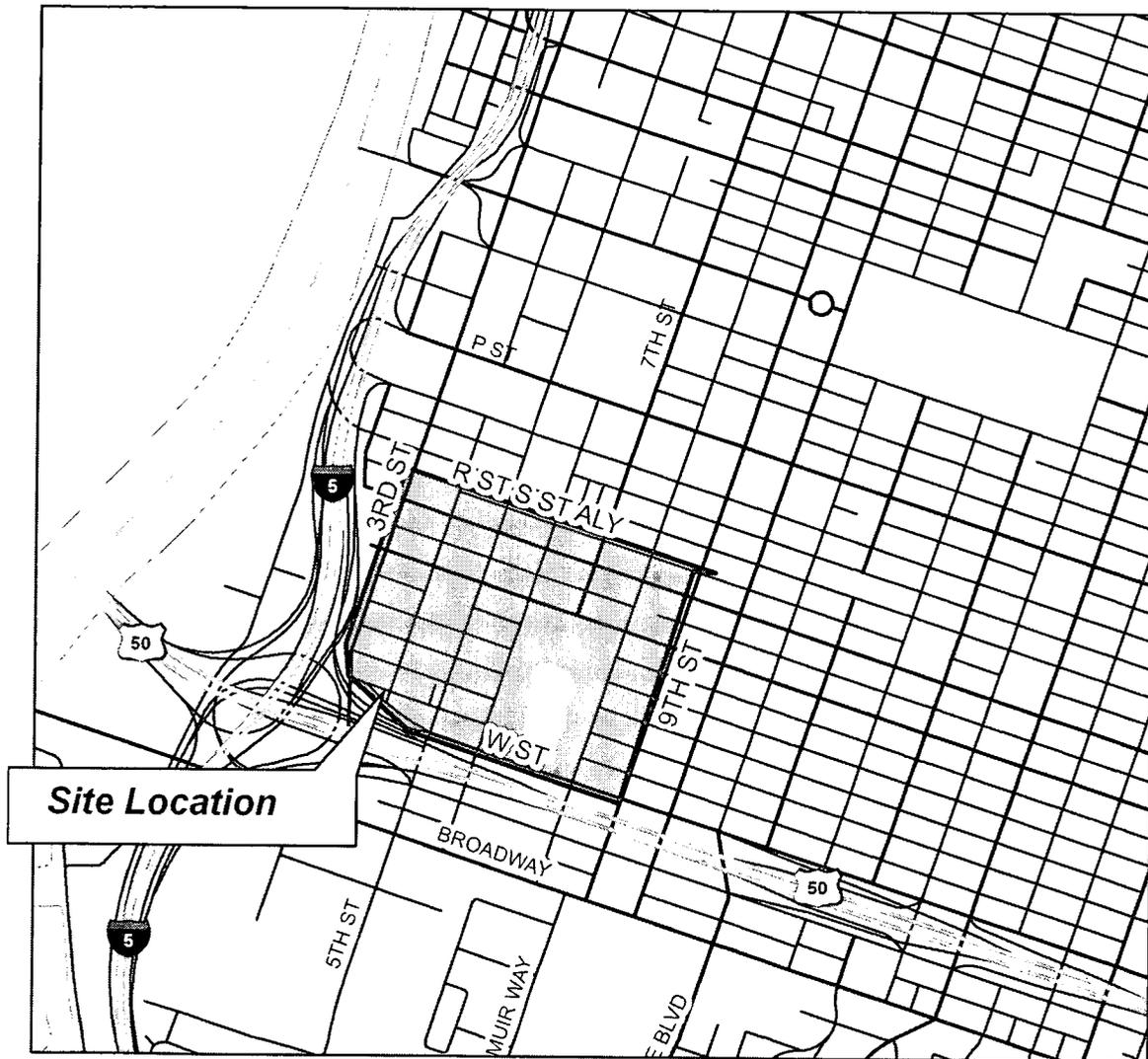
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Exhibit A: Map of Southside Park NTMP Neighborhood

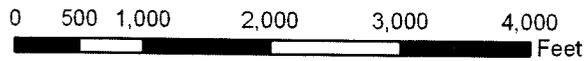
Exhibit B: Traffic Calming Plan Ballot

EXHIBIT A

Location map for
SOUTHSIDE PARK NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(S15071139)



Map Contact: Pedro Sanchez
Date: September 17th, 2009



Do you want traffic calming measures in your neighborhood?

You have the opportunity to vote on a traffic calming plan for your neighborhood. This vote is to determine if the measures recommended by the Traffic Calming Committee (TCC), which consists of residents from your neighborhood, will be implemented.

The TCC assisted city staff in developing the plan. Various measures were reviewed and agreed upon by the TCC.

Your Vote Counts!

Every address (residence and business) within your neighborhood has received this notice and ballot. Now is your opportunity to vote for or against the proposed traffic calming measures.

You and your neighbors will decide whether or not the traffic calming measures will be implemented in your neighborhood.

If enough votes are in favor, the plan will be presented to City Council for review, final approval and funding. In order to pass, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned with a simple majority in favor of the plan.

For more information call

(916) 808-8300

www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation

Proposed Measures for Your Neighborhood

Below are the recommended measures. If approved, the measures will be constructed at no cost to residents and /or homeowners. You are asked to vote in favor of or against the entire traffic calming plan which includes the following measures:

Stop Signs to create 4-way stops at the intersections of:

- 3rd St & S St (Advance stop warning signs will also be installed on 3rd St),
- S St & 7th St,
- T St & 6th St,

Standard Crosswalks on:

- 3rd St & S St on the east and west legs of the intersection,
- T St & 6th St on the west side of the intersection,

Pedestrian Islands on:

- T St & 6th St on the east and west sides of the intersection,

"30" MPH Pavement Legend on:

- 5th St north of W St,

Centerline on:

- 6th St between T and W Sts,
- 8th St between T and W Sts,

Front-In Angled Parking on:

- 4th St between U & V Sts - east side of street,
- V St between 4th & 5th Sts - north side of street,
- 7 St between S & T Sts - east side of street,
- 8 St between T & W Sts - west side of street,

"SOUTHSIDE PARK" Neighborhood Signs on:

- S St, east of 3rd St,
- S St, west of 9th St,
- 7th St, north of S St,
- 5th St, north of W St.

It's easy to vote!

Tear off the ballot, cast your vote and drop it in the mail. (postage is paid)

Southside Park NTMP

One ballot per address.
My address

Yes – I am in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

No – I am not in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

Comments

All responses must be postmarked by

August 14, 2009



EXHIBIT B