



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 4/12/2011

Report Type: Consent

Title: Restriction of through Traffic of the Alleyway Bounded by 14th, 15th, "C" and "D" Streets; Restriction of Traffic Proceeding No. RT11-01

Report ID: 2011-00272

Location: District 3

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley bounded between 14th, 15th, "C" and "D" Streets.

Contact: Thomas Adams, Engineer Technician II, (916) 808-7929; Nicholas Theocharides, Engineering Division Manager, (916) 808-5065, Department of Transportation

Presenter: None

Department: Transportation Department

Division: Development Engineering

Dept ID: 15001181

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Paul Gale
3/22/2011 8:18:36 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 3/18/2011 11:54:06 AM

Assistant City Manager: John Dangberg - 3/22/2011 8:14:51 AM



Description/Analysis

Issue: The adjacent property owners to the subject alley have requested that the City of Sacramento restrict vehicular and pedestrian traffic through this alleyway to help deter and reduce the amount of criminal activity and illegal dumping.

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 vehicular or pedestrian 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 alley to commit illegal acts and illegally dump trash.

Financial Considerations: The total estimated cost to process this alley request is \$3,300. Fifty percent of the total costs will be paid for by the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900, Fund 2002) and the remaining fifty percent of the total costs will be paid by the adjacent property owners. The property owners have deposited their fifty percent share of cost to the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900).

As of March 1, 2011 the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) has a total budget of \$187,794 and an unobligated balance of \$6,514 which is sufficient to cover the total estimated cost share of \$1,650.

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

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None



Attachment 1

Background

This proposed alley restriction was requested by the adjacent property owners of the subject alley. The alley 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 which supports this alley restriction request (see Attachment 3, Page 6).

The restriction of this alley will entail the installation of a six-foot high wrought iron gate near the middle of the alley. This will restrict vehicular as well as pedestrian access through the alley. 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 six-foot high gate with appropriate signs and locks is \$3,300. This cost will be shared between the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) and the adjacent property owners. 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 its operations or the safety within the surrounding neighborhoods (see Attachment 4, Page 7).

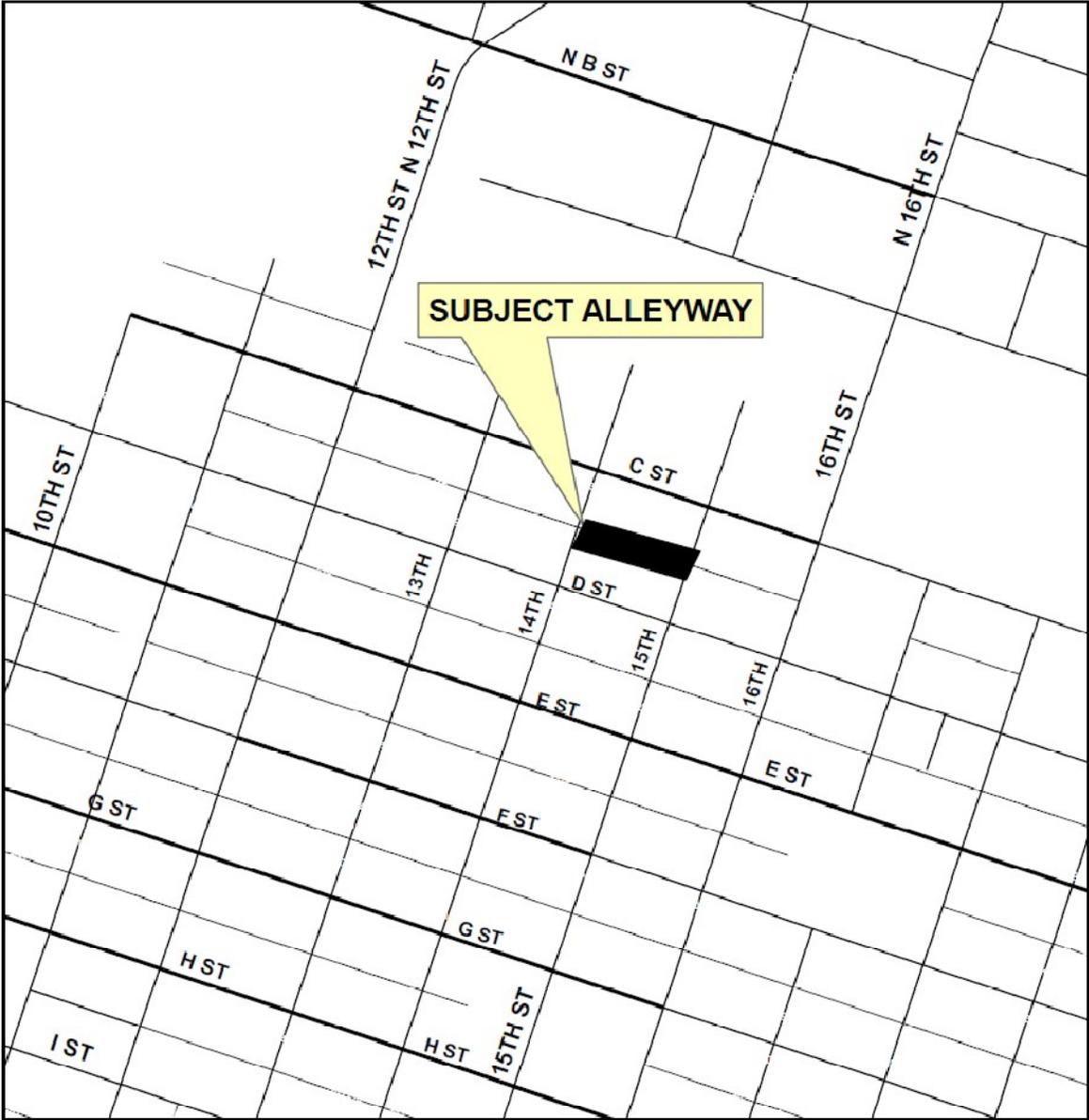
The restriction of this subject alley is also supported by the City of Sacramento Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT certifies that the proposed alley restriction does not include a through highway or arterial street and that the alley restriction allows adequate and safe traffic circulation on 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. If no time period is specified, the City Council can allow such restriction until it is no longer necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health, or welfare.

A majority of the adjacent property owners and City staff supports this request for restriction of the subject alley.



LOCATION MAP FOR
Alley Restriction





POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

300 Richards Blvd,
SACRAMENTO, CA 95811

Phone (916) 264-5471

MEMORANDUM

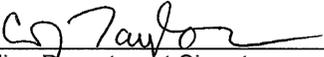
TO: City of Sacramento
Development Services
300 Richards Blvd, attn: Thomas Adams
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH
THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY 14th, 15th, C and D 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 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 alleviate the activity in the area. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

There is significant criminal activity in the one block square that surrounds this alley. Hundreds of calls to police have occurred in the last couple years. There have been 113 calls in the one block square during the last 12 months. Many appear that they could potentially be reduced if the alley design was altered.



Police Department Signature

3-9-2011

Date



FIRE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

5770 Freeport Blvd. Room 200
Sacramento CA 95822

Phone (916) 433-1300

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Sacramento
Development Services
915 I Street, Room 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

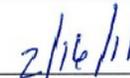
SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC
THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED by 14th, 15th, C and D Streets
(See Attached map)**

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:



Fire Department Signature



Date





TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

915 I Street, Room 200
Sacramento CA 95811
Phone (916) 808-7607

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 14th, 15th, C and D Streets**

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 IS NOT
OPPOSED TO THIS CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC
FOR THE ALLEY


Traffic Engineering Signature

11-25-10
Date





RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESTRICTION OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY 14TH STREET, 15TH STREET, “C” STREET AND “D” STREET PROCEEDING NO. RT11-01

BACKGROUND

- A. The City received a request from the adjacent property owners of the subject alley to restrict vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley bounded by 14th Street, 15th Street, “C” Street and “D” Street.
- B. The adjacent property owners have agreed to and have provided fifty (50) percent of the total cost 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 vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the subject alley for the protection and preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare.

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 subject alley bounded by 14th Street, 15th Street, “C” Street and “D” Street is necessary for the protection and preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare of the neighborhood.
- Section 2. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley bounded by 14th Street, 15th Street, “C” Street and “D” Street shall be restricted by placement of a gate within the alley subject to 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 except as stated above in Section 2(b).
- 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 and 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.