



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 5/17/2011

**Report Type:** Public Hearing

**Title:** Temporary Street Closure of Thirteen Alleys Located in The South Oak Park Neighborhood

**Report ID:** 2011-00405

**Location:** District 5

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the thirteen subject alleys within the South Oak Park Community.

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**Department:** Transportation Department

**Division:** Development Engineering

**Dept ID:** 15001151

**Attachments:**

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**City Attorney Review**

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**City Treasurer Review**

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**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 5/3/2011 4:05:25 PM

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## Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The property owners and members from the Neighborhood Redevelopment Agency Committee have raised concerns about the illegal dumping and crimes committed within subject alleys in the South Oak Park Neighborhood. These concerns were forwarded to the City's Department of Transportation and with a request that the Alley Abatement Program be utilized to help deter some of the criminal activity that has occurred within the alleys. With funding from the Sacramento Redevelopment Agency the Department of Transportation is processing the temporary closure of the subject alleys as a means to reduce the amount of criminal activity.

**Policy Considerations:** The procedures under which the restriction of through traffic is being initiated are set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 and Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.16 allowing the temporary closure of alleys and streets to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare. This temporary closure 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 reviewed the proposed temporary street closure and determined that the activity is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301(f) of the CEQA Guidelines. This project consists of the temporary closure of an existing alley by adding a gate to the entrance of the alley. This project falls under CEQA Guidelines of Categorical Exemptions Section 15301(f) in that this temporary street closure involves no expansion of use beyond what currently exists. Access to the road will be given to appropriate departments and agencies.

**Sustainability Considerations:** None.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Adoption of the attached Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the thirteen subject alleys within the South Oak Park Community 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 Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) through its contribution to

the South Oak Park Alley Abatement Project (T15115100). There are no General Funds planned or allocated for this project.

As of March 31, 2011 the South Oak Park Alley Abatement Project (T15115100), Fund 3701) has a total budget of \$75,000 and an unobligated balance of \$74,420, which is sufficient to cover the total estimated costs of \$70,000 for the alley closures within the South Oak Park neighborhood.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None.

## **Background**

The proposed temporary closure of the thirteen subject alleys to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic were requested by property owners along the subject alleys. The majority of the property owners and members of the Oak Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee support the temporary closure of all the subject alleys to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic. All alleys are currently unrestricted to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This accessibility has allowed the alleys to be utilized as a conduit for illegal activity such as theft, drug use, prostitution and illegal dumping. Many of these activities have been documented by the Sacramento Police Department which supports the temporary closure of all thirteen subject alleys within the South Oak Park neighborhood (see Attachments 3).

The temporary closure of the alleys will entail the installation of one or two wrought iron gates located near the entrances of each alley. This will limit vehicular and pedestrian access to the property owners, City maintenance personnel and affected utility companies. The temporary closure of these alleys will assist in deterring criminal activity and reducing the number of vehicles and pedestrians utilizing the alleyway as a means to conduct criminal acts.

The total estimated cost of installing the twenty-one (21) wrought iron gates with appropriate signs and locks will be \$70,000. The construction and installation of the gates will be funded by Sacramento's Housing Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) under the South Oak Park Neighborhood Alley Abatement Project (T15115100).

In addition to the Police Department's support for the temporary closures of the subject alleys, the City of Sacramento Fire Department has also given support to the temporary closures of the alleys. The Fire Department certifies that the proposed temporary closure of the alleys will not adversely impact its operations or the safety within the surrounding neighborhoods (see Attachment 4).

The temporary closures are supported by the City of Sacramento's Department of Transportation's (DOT) Traffic Engineering Division. DOT certifies that the proposed temporary closure of the alleys does not include a through highway or arterial street and that the alley closures allow adequate and safe traffic circulation on the adjacent streets (see Attachment 5).

The temporary street closures are not to exceed (18) months unless the closures are properly extended. Once approved, the closures may be extended for an additional eight (8) consecutive periods of not more than eighteen (18) months each. Prior to each extension, City Council must hold a Public Hearing. Noticing to the public regarding the temporary street closure has been completed prior to this City Council meeting in accordance with City Code Section 12.16.220.

The majority of the adjacent property owners along with City staff support the temporary closure of the subject alleys.



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**ALLEY LOCATIONS for TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THROUGH TRAFFIC OF THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE SUBJECT ALLEYS LOCATED IN SOUTH OAK PARK LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alleys proposed for temporary closure. On behalf of the Police Department, I find that the proposed alley closures detailed within Council District 5 will benefit the adjacent property owner and residents. Restrictive devices such as gates or bollards will deter criminal activity and illegal dumping. I recommend that the proposed temporary closures of the subject alleys be implemented. Such action will benefit the community. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

All of these alleys have very high numbers of calls for service in the area that surrounds them. The alleys are thoroughfares for criminal activity. Examples of crimes that occur in these alleys include narcotics trafficking, auto theft, prostitution, violent assaults, and property crimes against the adjacent residences. The police department supports these alley closures.

  
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Police Department Signature

3/15/2011  
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Date





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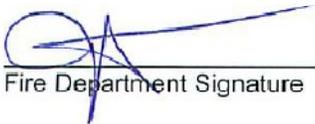
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SUBJECT: **PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THROUGH TRAFFIC  
OF THE SUBJECT ALLEYS LOCATED IN SOUTH OAK PARK  
WITHIN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alley proposed for temporary closure of through traffic. On behalf of the Department, I find that the proposed temporary closure will not adversely impact the operations of the Sacramento Fire Department. The Fire Department supports this temporary closure of through traffic. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

*Approved*  
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Fire Department Signature

*4/11/11*  
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Date



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SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF  
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SOUTH OAK PARK WITHIN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.**

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

COMMENTS:

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED TO  
THESE 13 TEMPORARY CLOSURES ON THE  
ATTACHED MAP

  
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Traffic Engineer Signature

3-18-2011  
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Date

## RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO THROUGH VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC OF THIRTEEN ALLEYS LOCATED WITHIN THE SOUTH OAK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PROCEEDING NO. TSC11-03**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The City received a request from the adjacent property owners and members from the Oak Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee to utilize the Problem Alley Abatement Program for the purpose of temporary closure of the subject alleys within the South Oak Park neighborhood identified in Exhibit A and Exhibit B to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- B. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is contributing all funding for this South Oak Park Alley Abatement Project (T15115100). The City's Department of Transportation is processing the alley abatement requests as part of the Problem Alley Abatement Program. No general funds will be used or allocated for this project.
- C. In accordance with Section 21101.4 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California and with Chapter 12.16 of the Sacramento City Code, the City Council hereby considers approval of the temporary street closure to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic of the subject alleys identified in Exhibit A and Exhibit B to help prevent future criminal acts.

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

- Section 1. Based upon substantial evidence present in the record of the proceedings regarding this matter, City Council hereby makes the following findings:
  - a) There is serious and continual criminal activity in the area of the subject alleys recommended for temporary closure. This finding is based upon a recommendation of the Police Department.
  - b) The subject alleys recommended for closure are under the City's jurisdiction and have not been designated as through highways or arterial streets.
  - c) Vehicle or pedestrian traffic in the subject alleys recommended for closure contributes to the criminal activity that is occurring there.

- d) The alley closures will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the areas of the streets recommended for closure.

Section 2. The temporary closure of the subject alleys identified in Exhibit A and Exhibit B to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic is necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare of the neighborhood.

Section 3. The Council finds and determines that each of the alley closures will substantially alleviate the existing serious and continual criminal activity in the alleys.

Section 4. City Council grants the temporary street closure of the subject alleys identified in Exhibit A and Exhibit B with the following conditions:

- a) A locking security device approved by the Sacramento Fire Department will be installed on each gate.
- b) City departments and utility companies will have twenty-four (24) hour access to their respective facilities within the alley.
- c) Adjacent owners may be granted access to the alley and street through the security device that has been approved by the Department of Transportation.
- d) In the event that the security devices require 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 Department of Transportation. The revocable encroachment permit may be issued subsequent to 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.

Section 5. Exhibits A and B are part of this resolution.

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Exhibit B: South Oak Park Alley Assessment Map

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South Oak Park Alley Assessment Map



Map Contact: T. Adams  
Map Date: Mar/11

