



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 8/16/2011

**Report Type:** Consent

**Title:** Ben Ali Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project

**Report ID:** 2011-00665

**Location:** The Ben Ali neighborhood is generally bound by Marconi Circle and Marconi Avenue on the north, Business 80 Freeway on the east, El Camino Avenue on the south and Auburn Boulevard on the west, District 3

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the Ben Ali Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan

**Contact:** Debb Newton, Program analyst, (916) 808-6739; Hector Barron, City Traffic Engineer, (916) 808-2669, Department of Transportation

**Presenter:** None

**Department:** Transportation Department

**Division:** Traffic Engineering Division

**Dept ID:** 15001161

**Attachments:**

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## Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The Ben Ali neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in August 2010. The goals of the Ben Ali NTMP Project are to reduce speeding on streets throughout the neighborhood, improve pedestrian safety on streets without sidewalks and improve children's safety near the Higher Learning Academy.

**Policy Considerations:** The Ben Ali NTMP Project 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 Ben Ali 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. The project consists of the minor alteration of existing streets, involving no expansion of use beyond that existing.

**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 the 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 Ben Ali Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeding and pedestrian and children's safety in the neighborhood through the installation of speed lumps, a stop sign, curve warning signs, school warning signs 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 Ben Ali neighborhood includes the installation of:

- Speed Lumps on:
  - Juliesse Avenue between Albatross Way & Connie Drive
  - Iris Avenue between Plover Street & Albatross Way
  - Helena Avenue between Auburn Boulevard & Plover Street
  - Helena Avenue between Plover Street & Albatross Way
  - Glenrose Avenue between Auburn Boulevard & Crosby Way
  - Glenrose Avenue between Crosby Way & Plover Street
  - Princeton Street between Glenrose Avenue & Fienza Avenue

Princeton Street between Fienza Avenue & El Camino Avenue  
Fienza Avenue between Van Ness Street & Princeton Street  
Crosby Way between Helena Avenue & Glenrose Avenue  
Crosby Way between Glenrose Avenue & Fienza Avenue  
Plover Street between Auburn Boulevard and Helena Avenue  
Plover Street between Helena Avenue & Glenrose Avenue  
Albatross Way between Marconi Circle and Iris Avenue  
Albatross Way between Iris Avenue & Helena Avenue

- Stop Sign on:  
Iris Avenue at Connie Drive
- Curve Warning Signs on:  
Fienza Avenue and Plover Street approaching the elbow
- School Warning Signs on:  
Fienza Avenue  
Plover Street
- Neighborhood Signs on:  
Connie Drive, south of Marconi Avenue  
Plover Street, east of Auburn Boulevard  
Glenrose Avenue, east of Auburn Boulevard  
Princeton Street, north of El Camino 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 Traffic Calming Plan 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 Ben Ali residents, 30.8% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 83.9% (104 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 16.1% (20 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 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) has a total budget of \$1,921,786 consisting of local transportation funds. As of July 18, 2011, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) has an unobligated balance of \$464,084, which is sufficient to cover the remaining community outreach, traffic studies and the estimated project construction cost of \$41,500 for the Ben Ali Project.

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.

## Attachment 1

### **Background Information:**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995, and officially began in May 1996. Ben Ali is the fifteenth neighborhood to participate in Council District 3. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in August 2010. 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.
- 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 was requested to address speeding and parking concerns.

#### Engineering

- A traffic calming plan was designed by the Traffic Calming Committee, reviewed by City Traffic Engineering staff, presented to neighborhood residents for comment at a community meeting and approved by the City Traffic Engineer.
- The plan was put to a neighborhood-wide vote and approved with an approval rate of 83.9%.

For tracking purposes, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) is divided into sub-CIPs for budgeting and tracking individual NTMPs. The Ben Ali NTMP (S15071149) has been established as a sub-CIP.



## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (S15071100): BEN ALI PROJECT APPROVAL**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Ben Ali NTMP Project began in August 2010. 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 83.9% 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 Ben Ali Project is approved.

Section 2. Exhibits A and B are attached and are part of this Resolution.

#### **Table of Contents:**

Exhibit A: Map of Ben Ali NTMP Neighborhood

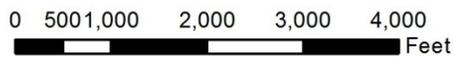
Exhibit B: Traffic Calming Plan Ballot



Location map for  
**BEN ALI NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD**  
(S15071149)



Map Contact: Pedro Sanchez  
Date: July 18, 2011



## Do you want traffic calming measures in your neighborhood?

This is your opportunity to vote on the proposed traffic calming plan for your neighborhood. You must vote either yes or no for all measures indicated on this ballot. This advisory vote will determine whether the traffic calming plan will be presented to Sacramento City Council.

### Your Vote Counts!

The Traffic Calming Committee, comprised of individuals from your neighborhood, has developed this plan with assistance from Sacramento City staff. All residents and businesses within the project boundary will receive a ballot.

We must receive a minimum of 25% return on the balloting. If a simple majority of ballots returned vote yes, the traffic calming plan will be submitted to Sacramento City Council for review and approval.

### What will it cost you?

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program traffic calming plan implementation is funded through Measure A. There is no cost to residents or homeowners.

For more information call  
**(916) 808-8300**  
[www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation)

### Proposed Traffic Calming Plan:

808-8365  
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Hablamos español  
Мы говорим по-русски  
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#### Speed Lumps - Install on:

- Julisse Av between Albatross Wy & Connie Dr -1,
- Iris Av between Plover St & Albatross Wy -1,
- Helena between Auburn Bl & Plover St - 2,
- Helena between Plover St & Albatross Wy -1,
- Glenrose Av between Auburn Bl & Crosby Wy - 2,
- Glenrose Av between Crosby Wy & Plover St -1,
- Princeton St between Glenrose Av & Fianza Av -1,
- Princeton St between Fianza Av & El Camino Av -1,
- Fianza Av between Van Ness St & Princeton St -1,
- Crosby Wy between Helena Av & Glenrose Av -1,
- Crosby Wy between Glenrose Av & Fianza Av -1,
- Plover St between Auburn Bl to Helena Av - 2,
- Plover St between Helena Av & Glenrose Av -1,
- Albatross Wy between Marconi Cir to Iris Av - 2,
- Albatross Wy between Iris Av & Helena Av -1.

**Stop Sign** - Install to control Iris Av at Connie Dr.

**Curve Warning Signs** - Install Fianza Av and Plover St approaching the elbow.

#### School Warning Signs:

- Install a school warning sign on Plover St,
- Replace 3 school crosswalk related signs on Fianza Av.

#### Neighborhood Signs - Install on:

- Plover St east of Auburn Bl,
- Connie Dr south of Marconi Av,
- Glenrose Av east of Auburn Bl,
- Princeton St north of El Camino Av .

It's **easy**  
to vote!

808-8300

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### Ben Ali

Check Yes or No to cast your vote,  
tear off the ballot and put it in the  
mail. No postage stamp is needed!

One ballot per address.  
My address

- Yes** – I am in favor of the traffic calming plan on this notice.
- No** – I am not in favor of the traffic calming plan on this notice.

Comments

All responses must be postmarked by

**July 8, 2011**

