



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 4/17/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Alkali Flat Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project

Report ID: 2012-00277

Location: The Alkali Flat neighborhood is generally bound by C Street and D Street on the north, 12th Street on the east, G Street on the south and 7 Street on the west. District 4

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution approving the Alkali Flat Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan.

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Presenter: None

Department: Transportation Department

Division: Traffic Engineering Division

Dept ID: 15001161

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City Attorney Review

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 4/4/2012 10:44:51 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Alkali Flat neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in March 2011. The goals of the Alkali Flat NTMP Project are to improve pedestrian safety throughout the neighborhood, increase parking availability on F Street, improve directional signage at key locations to reduce errant traffic and increase safety by refreshing faded roadway markings (The last goal will be addressed outside of the NTMP process).

Policy Considerations: The Alkali Flat 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 Alkali Flat 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 Alkali Flat Traffic Calming Committee, addresses pedestrian safety in the neighborhood and reduces errant traffic through the installation of crosswalks and related signage, a pedestrian island, directional signage, and centerline and Botts dots treatments. 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 Alkali Flat neighborhood includes the installation of:

- High-Visibility Crosswalks on:
 - C Street at 11th Street - east leg
 - D Street at 11th Street - east leg
 - F Street & 11th Street - west leg
- Standard Crosswalks on:

8th Street at D Street
10th Street at D Street
11th Street at D Street
E Street & 8th Street
F Street & 8th Street
F Street & 9th Street
F Street & 10th Street
F Street & 11th Street

- Pedestrian Island on:
E Street, east side of 9th Street

- New or updated Pedestrian Safety Signs on:
D Street at 10th Street
D Street, between 11th Street & 12th Street
E Street at 9th Street
G Street & 11th Street
Northwest corner of C Street & 12th Street - "Turning Traffic Must Yield to Pedestrians"

- Directional Signs on:
D Street, west of 8th Street - "No Access to 7th St"
E Street, west of 8th Street - "No Access to 7th St"
E Street & 7th Street - Curve warning
North and south sides of E Street at 9th Street - Larger directional signage
F Street, west of 8th Street - New Directional sign to "7th Street"
9th Street, north of G Street - New Directional sign to "7th Street"

- Yield Sign Removal on:
11th Street at C Street,

- Centerline and Botts Dots:
Approaching and through the intersection of C Street & 11th Street

The ballot also included Back-In Angled Parking on F Street between 10th Street and 11th Street. The angled parking has been removed from the plan as a result of ballot comments received from this segment of F St. A large majority of these residents supported the plan with the exception of the angled parking.

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. The vote is to indicate neighborhood support and is advisory only. 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 Alkali Flat

residents, 17.8% were returned with valid votes. With the removal of the back-in angled parking, 77.9% (60 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 22.1 (17 votes) were opposed. Therefore, the majority of votes cast were in favor of the Phase I plan.

The minimum ballot return rate of 25% was not met for the Alkali Flat neighborhood. This neighborhood is unique in that only 10% of the households are single family units. Typically, the response rate from multiple units and businesses is much lower than for single family units. This would explain the lower return percentage.

Additionally, when ballot returns are low in a neighborhood, a second ballot is typically mailed to non-responsive addresses, or City staff take ballots door to door. This was not done in Alkali Flat due to the strong response of neighborhood residents towards the angled parking and concern that re- balloting might give the perception of City interference in the balloting outcome. Although the minimum requirement of 25% for returned ballots was not met, staff recommends approval of the NTMP due to strong support for the project as indicated on the ballots received.

Financial Considerations: The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) has a total budget of \$1,657,041 consisting of local transportation funds. As of March 19, 2012, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) has an unobligated balance of \$132,978, which is sufficient to cover the remaining community outreach, traffic studies and the estimated project construction cost of \$44,400 for the Alkali Flat Project and complete the remainder of the NTMP projects under this CIP.

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. Alkali Flat is the fourteenth neighborhood to participate in Council District 4. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in March 2011. Since that time, the following has been accomplished using the three “E’s” (Education, Enforcement, Engineering) of this program:

Education

- Newsletters and flyers in English and Spanish 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.
- Enforcement has been in the neighborhood 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 77.9%.
- Following the voting process, the back-in angled parking proposed for F Street between 10th Street and 11th Street was removed from the plan in response to residents’ comments.

For tracking purposes, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (S15071100) is divided into sub-CIPs for budgeting and tracking individual NTMPs. The Alkali Flat NTMP (S15071152) has been established as a sub-CIP.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (S15071100): ALKALI FLAT 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 Alkali Flat NTMP Project began in March 2011. 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 77.9% approval rate. Exhibit B (attached) is the ballot.
- D. In response to residents' comments during the balloting process, the back-in angled parking proposed for F Street between 10th Street and 11th Street has been removed from the plan.

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

Section 1. The Alkali Flat NTMP Project is approved.

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

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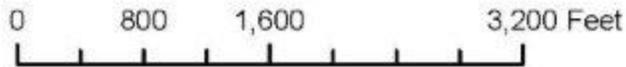
Exhibit A: Map of Alkali Flat NTMP Neighborhood - 1 page

Exhibit B: Traffic Calming Plan Ballot - 1 page

LOCATION MAP FOR EXHIBIT A
ALKALI FLAT NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(S15071152)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: March 20, 2012



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

Proposed Traffic Calming Plan:

High-Visibility Crosswalks - Install on:

- C St at 11th – east leg
- D St at 11th – east leg
- F & 11th St – west leg

Standard Crosswalks - Install on unmarked legs to supplement existing crosswalks at:

- 8th St at D St
- 11th St at D St
- F & 8th St
- F & 10th St
- 10th St at D St
- E St & 8th St
- F & 9th St
- F & 11th St

Pedestrian Island - Install on E St, east side of 9th St

Pedestrian Safety Signs:

- Install "Turning Traffic Must Yield to Pedestrians" sign on the northwest corner of C St & 12th St
- Update/add "at" crosswalk/advanced crosswalk signs on:
 - D St at 10th St
 - E St at 9th St
 - G & 11th St
- Add "School" plaque to existing school related signs on D St, between 11th & 12th St

Directional Signs - Install:

- "No Access to 7th St" on:
 - D St, west of 8th St
 - E St, west side of 8th St
- Curve warning signs installed on separate pipes at E St & 7th St
- Larger directional signage to "7th St" on the north and south sides of E St at 9th St
- Directional sign to "7th St" on:
 - F St, west of 8th St
 - 9th St, north of G St

Yield Sign Removal on 11th & C St

Centerline and Botts Dots approaching and through the intersection of C St & 11th

Back-In Angled Parking on the north side of F St between 10th & 11th St

It's **easy** to vote!



808-8300

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Alkali Flat NTMP

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

February 17, 2012



EXHIBIT B