



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 11/20/2012

**Report Type:** Public Hearing

**Title:** Temporary Street Closure and Restrictions of 5 Alleys Located in Council District 2  
[Noticed on 11-8-12]

**Report ID:** 2012-00787

**Location:** District 2

**Recommendation:** 1) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the four alleys bounded between El Camino Avenue, Arden Way, Western Avenue and Boxwood Street to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic and removing the restriction to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for the alley bounded by Del Paso Boulevard, Fairfield Street, Calvados Avenue and Oxford Streets previously authorized pursuant to resolution 2004-122; and 2) adopt a Resolution authorizing the restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley bounded by Dixieanne Ave, El Camino Ave, Boxwood and Empress Streets within Council District 2 residential community.

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**Presenter:** Thomas Adams, Engineering Technician II, (916) 808-7929, Department of Public Works

**Department:** Public Works Department

**Division:** Development Engineering

**Dept ID:** 15001151

**Attachments:**

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**City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form

Paul Gale

11/8/2012 2:40:10 PM

**City Treasurer Review**

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt

Russell Fehr

10/22/2012 10:11:36 AM

**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 10/31/2012 4:40:37 PM

## Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The property owners and residents from the Noralto and Old North Sacramento neighborhoods in Council District 2 have raised concerns about illegal dumping, homeless camps and illegal activity committed within the subject alleys. These concerns were forwarded to the City's Department of Public Works with a request that the Alley Abatement Program be utilized to help deter some of the criminal activity that is occurring within the alleys. With funding from some property owners, City Council District 2 and the City of Sacramento's Alley Abatement Program (T15100900), the Department of Public Works is processing four temporary closures to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic and one restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic as a means to reduce the amount criminal activity. A summary of the project's history is included in Attachment 1.

**Policy Considerations:** The procedures under which the temporary closure to vehicular and pedestrian through traffic is initiated are set forth in the Vehicle Code Sections 21101.4 and Sacramento City Code Chapters 12.16 allowing the temporary closure alleys and streets to through vehicular or pedestrian traffic for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare. The temporary closures are 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.

The procedures under which the restriction of traffic is 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.

One of the alleys, the alley bounded by Del Paso Boulevard, Fairfield Street, Calvados Avenue and Oxford Streets is recommended for temporary closure to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Currently vehicular and pedestrian traffic is restricted through that alley pursuant to Council Resolution 2004-122. Pursuant to City Code Section 12.40.030, staff is recommending that the Council remove the restriction because the alley will now be closed to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

### **Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The Environmental Planning Services section of the Community Development Department has reviewed the proposed temporary street closures and restriction and has determined that the activities are 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 closures and restriction of existing alleys by adding gates to the entrances of the alley, or, in the case of the restriction, a gate in the middle of the alley and removal of a current restriction to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for one of the alleys slated for temporary closure. This project falls under CEQA Guidelines of Categorical Exemptions Section 15301(f) in that the temporary closures and restriction involves no expansion of street 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 Resolutions will provide additional security for the property owners by eliminating the opportunity for individuals to commit illegal acts and illegally dump within this subject alley.

**Financial Considerations:** The construction and installation of the gates will be funded by the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900), City Council District 2 and the adjacent property owners. The Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) will fund fifty percent of the costs with the other fifty percent coming from Council District 2 and adjacent property owners.

The Public Work's Department Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) has a total budget of \$484,526 and an unobligated balance of \$160,373, which is sufficient to cover the total estimated costs of \$39,100 for the alley closures and restrictions within Council District 2 neighborhoods.

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

## Background

The proposed temporary closure of four subject alleys to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic along with the restriction of one subject alley to vehicular and pedestrian traffic were requested by adjacent property owners in the City of Sacramento's Council District 2 Old North Sacramento and Noralto neighborhoods. The open access to these alleys has allowed the alleys to be used 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 closures and restriction of all five subject alleys within Council District 2 neighborhoods.

One of the alleys, the alley bounded by Del Paso Boulevard, Fairfield Street, Calvados Avenue and Oxford Streets is recommended for temporary closure to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Currently vehicular and pedestrian traffic is restricted through that alley pursuant to Council Resolution 2004-122. Pursuant to City Code Section 12.40.030, staff is recommending that the Council remove the restriction because the alley will now be closed to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The temporary closure of the four subject alleys to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic will entail the installation of 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. One of the four alleys bounded by Arden Way, Calvados Avenue, Boxwood and Empress Streets recommended for temporary closure will have three gates over two sections of the alley. This alley will require three gates to effectively reduce the types of criminal activity by limiting the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley.

The alley bounded by Dixieanne Avenue, El Camino Avenue, Boxwood and Empress Streets is recommended for restriction under City Code Section 12.40. (Attachment 8) This particular alley is having issues with homeless camps, illegal dumping and loitering. Ideally Public Works would like to process this alley request as a temporary closure with the placement of two gates. However, there are three apartment units with parking off the alley which have more vehicular traffic than most alleys. Therefore the Public Works department recommends the restriction of placing one gate within the alley under City Code Section 12.40 to restrict vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The construction and installation of the gates will be funded by the Alley Abatement Program (T15100900), City Council District 2 and the adjacent property owners. The Alley Abatement Program (T15100900) will fund fifty percent of the costs with the other fifty percent coming from Council District 2 and adjacent property owners.

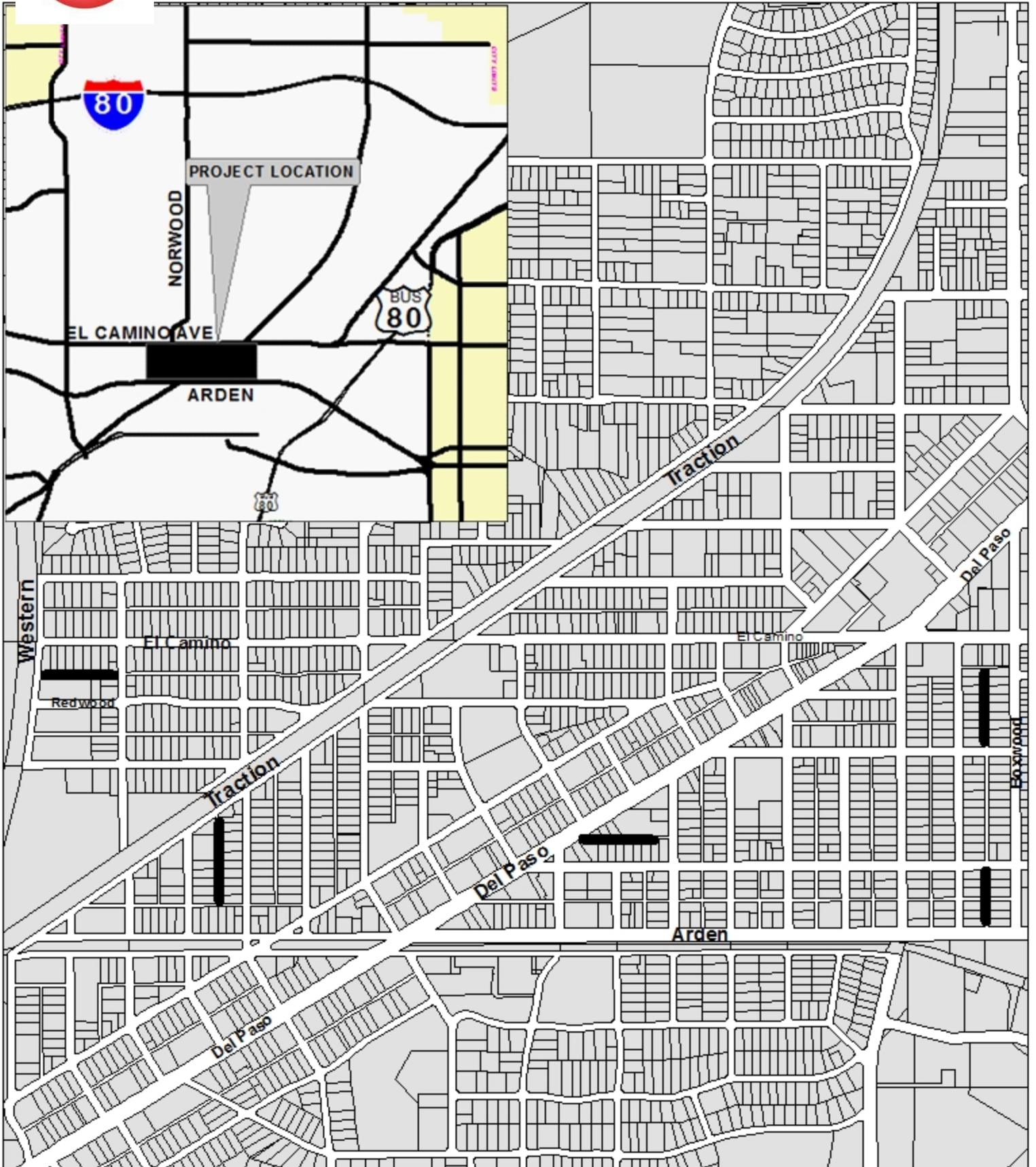
In addition the City's Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department all support the temporary closures to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic for four of

the alleys and restriction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic for the other alley. (See attachments 4-6)

The temporary street closures are not to exceed (18) months unless the closure is extended pursuant to the provisions in City Code Chapter 12.16 and California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4. Once approved, the closure may be extended for an additional eight (8) consecutive periods of not more than eighteen (18) months each in accordance with the procedures set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 and City Code Chapter 12.16. 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.

The restriction of the alley bounded by Dixieanne Avenue, El Camino Avenue, Boxwood and Empress Streets is not limited by any time element per City Code section 12.40.030. By resolution, the approved restriction may be terminated by the City Council once it finds the restriction is no longer necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare.

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





**Alley Closure Locations-Cross Streets (4 Alleys)**

1. Boxwood and Empress Street, Arden Way, Calvados Avenue(north-south)
2. Del Paso Boulevard, Calvados Avenue, Fairfield and Oxford Streets
3. Traction Avenue, Arden Way, Dale and Edgewater Streets(north-south)
4. El Camino Avenue, Redwood Avenue, Western Avenue and Colfax Streets

**Alley Restriction Location-Cross Streets (1 Alley)**

1. Dixieanne and El Camino Avenues, Empress and Boxwood Streets (north-south)



**MEMORANDUM**

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

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY BOXWOOD, EMPRESS STREETS, CALVADOS AVENUE AND ARDEN WAY**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alley proposed and Temporary Closure. On behalf of the Police Department, I find that the area of the proposed restriction and temporary closure of the subject alley/street 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 temporary closure of traffic for the alley be implemented. Such action would substantially alleviate the serious and continual criminal activity in the area. Additional comments may follow bellow.

COMMENTS:

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PAT KELLER #3102  
Police Department Signature

9/26/12  
Date



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA

5770 Freport Blvd. Room 100  
Sacramento CA 95832  
Phone (916) 264-5471

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Department of Public Works  
300 Richards Blvd., 2nd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC  
THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY DEL PASO BLVD, CALVADOS,  
FAIRFIELD AND OXFORD STREETS

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Police Department Signature

9/26/12  
Date

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

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC  
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ARDEN WAY, EDGEWATER ROAD AND DALE AVENUE**

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SGT. PAT KELLEN  
Police Department Signature

4/23/12  
Date

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Department of Transportation  
300 Richards Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY Western Avenue, Colfax Street, Redwood and El Camino Avenue**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alley proposed and Temporary Closure. On behalf of the Police Department, I find that the area of the proposed temporary closure of 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 temporary closure of traffic for the alley be implemented. Such action would substantially alleviate the serious and continual criminal activity in the area. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

THIS AREA HAS HAD OVER 15 POLICE  
CALLS DURING THE LAST 90 DAYS. THESE  
CALLS HAVE INCLUDED STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERY  
AND DISTURBANCES IN THE ALLEY

SGT. PAT KELLER  
Police Department Signature

9/5/12  
Date

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City of Sacramento  
Department of Transportation  
300 Richards Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

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**COMMENTS:**

THIS AREA HAS HAD OVER 50 POLICE CALLS  
DURING THE LAST 90 DAYS. THESE CALLS HAVE  
INCLUDED DISTURBANCES, ASSAULTS AND  
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

Sgt. Pat Keller  
Police Department Signature

9/5/12  
Date



**MEMORANDUM**

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300 Richards Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

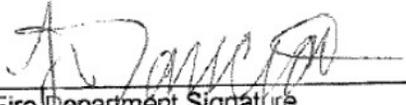
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THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY BOXWOOD, EMPRESS STREETS,  
CALVADOS AVENUE AND ARDEN WAY;  
LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alley proposed for temporary closure. On behalf of the Fire Department, I find that the proposed restriction will not adversely impact the operations of the Sacramento Fire Department. The Fire Department supports the temporary closure of the subject alley in Council District 2. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

   Ensure there is a Knox keyed locking mechanism securing the closure in case there is a need for a response in this area.

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Fire Department Signature

9-26-12  
Date

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Department of Transportation  
300 Richards Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH  
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COMMENTS:

\_\_\_\_As long there is a knox lock on the gate that is installed so in the event we do need access to that area we have a quick and efficient way in.

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Fire Department Signature

4-23-12  
Date



FIRE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA

5770 Freeport Blvd. Room 200  
Sacramento CA 95822

Phone (916) 433-1300

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Department of Public Works  
300 Richards Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF  
TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED by Del Paso Blvd,  
Calvados Avenue, Fairfield and Oxford Streets located in  
Council District 2.**

I have reviewed the material on the subject alley proposed for temporary closure. On behalf of the Fire 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 the subject alley in Council District 2. Additional comments may follow below.

**COMMENTS:**

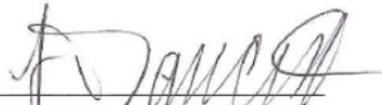
Please ensure there is a Knox keyed lock or Knox keyed device on the gate in order for a response if necessary.\_

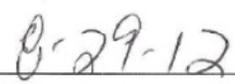
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Fire Department Signature

  
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Date



FIRE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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Sacramento CA 95822

Phone (916) 433-1300

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Department of Public Works  
300 Richards Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED by Western Avenue, Colfax Street, Redwood and El Camino Avenue located in Council District 2.**

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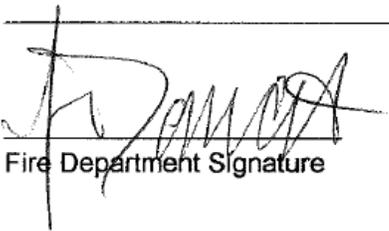
Please ensure there is a Knox keyed lock or Knox keyed device on the gate in order for a response if necessary.

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Fire Department Signature

0-29-12  
Date



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CALIFORNIA

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Sacramento CA 95822

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Development Engineering  
915 I Street, Room 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC  
THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED by Dixieanne, Boxwood,  
Empress and El Camino Avenue (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:**

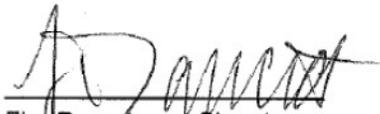
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Fire Department Signature

8-28-12  
Date



**ATTACHMENT 6**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City of Sacramento  
Department of Public Works  
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Sacramento, CA 95811

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH  
THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY BOXWOOD, EMPRESS STREETS,  
CALVADOS AVENUE AND ARDEN WAY**

In reference to the requested temporary closure of the alley, I have reviewed the material on the above subject right of way. I find the alley is under the City of Sacramento's jurisdiction and the proposed temporary closure of 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 request of the subject alley. Additional comments may follow below.

**COMMENTS:**

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED TO  
THIS CLOSURE.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation Engineer Signature

8/31/12  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: City of Sacramento  
Department of Transportation  
300 Richards Blvd, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY TRACTION AVENUE, ARDEN WAY, EDGEWATER ROAD AND DALE AVENUE LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.**

In reference to the requested temporary closure of the alley, I have reviewed the material on the above subject right of way. I find the alley is under the City of Sacramento's jurisdiction and the proposed temporary closure of 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 Transportation supports this temporary closure request of the subject alley. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED TO THIS  
ALLEY CLOSURE.

  
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Traffic Engineer Signature

5/3/12  
Date



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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COMMENTS:

*TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED TO THIS  
CLOSURE*

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Transportation Engineering Signature

*8/31/12*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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COMMENTS:

*TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED  
TO THIS CLOSURE.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation Engineering Signature

*8-31-12*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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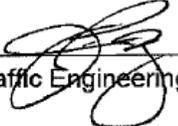
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SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC  
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Empress and El Camino Avenue**

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 Public Works supports this restriction of traffic on the subject alley. Additional comments may follow below.

COMMENTS:

*TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IS NOT OPPOSED  
TO THIS CLOSURE*

  
Traffic Engineering Signature

*8/31/12*  
Date



**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO THROUGH VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC OF FOUR ALLEYS LOCATED WITHIN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 DEL PASO HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD PROCEEDING NO. TSC12-01**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City received a request from the adjacent property owners to utilize the Problem Alley Abatement Program to temporarily close these four alleys bounded between El Camino Avenue, Arden Way, Western Avenue and Boxwood Street within Council District 2 Old North Sacramento and Noralto neighborhoods through vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- B. Council member in District 2 together with some property owners are contributing towards the funding for these temporary closures. The City’s Department of Public Works is processing the alley abatement requests as part of the Problem Alley Abatement Program.
- 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 as listed in Exhibit A to help prevent future criminal acts.
- D. The approved alley restriction under Resolution 2004-122 for the alley bounded by Del Paso Boulevard, Fairfield Street, Calvados Avenue and Oxford Street, item #2 listed within Exhibit A of this Resolution, is no longer required as a result of the temporary closure of the alley to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

**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, the 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 alleys recommended for closure is under the City's jurisdiction and has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street.
- c) Vehicle or pedestrian traffic in the alley 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 area of the street recommended for closure.

Section 2. The temporary alley closure to through vehicular and pedestrian traffic for the subject alleys 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 the subject alley closures will substantially alleviate the existing serious and continual criminal activity in these alleys.

Section 4. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 a street or alley may be closed for 18 months. The closure period may be extended for up to eight additional consecutive periods of not more than 18 months, if, prior to each extension, the City holds a public hearing and makes the findings required by Section 21101.4.

Section 5. City Council grants the temporary street closure of the subject alleys listed in Exhibit A with the following conditions:

- a) A locking security device approved by the Sacramento Fire Department will be installed on the on each gate.
- b) City departments and utility companies will have twenty-four 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) 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 Department of Public Works. The revocable

encroachment permit is to be approved simultaneously with 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 6.

Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this Resolution.

**Alley Closure Locations-Cross Streets (4 Alleys)**

1. Boxwood, Empress Streets, Arden Way and Calvados Avenue(north-south)
2. Del Paso Boulevard, Calvados Avenue, Fairfield and Oxford Streets
3. Traction Avenue, Arden Way, Dale and Edgewater Streets(north-south)
4. El Camino Avenue, Redwood Avenue, Western Avenue and Colfax Streets



**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESTRICTION OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEYWAY BOUNDED BY DIXIEANNE AVENUE, EL CAMINO AVENUE, BOXWOOD AND EMPRESS STREETS  
PROCEEDING NO. RT12-01**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City received a request from the adjacent property owners of the alley bounded by Dixieanne Avenue, El Camino Avenue, Boxwood and Empress Streets to restrict vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the alley.
- B. Council District 2 is contributing towards the funding for this alley restriction. The City’s Department of Public Works is processing the alley abatement requests as part of 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 alley bounded by Dixieanne Avenue, El Camino Avenue, Boxwood and Empress Streets 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 Dixieanne Avenue, El Camino Avenue, Boxwood and Empress Streets 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 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 Public Works. The revocable encroachment permit is to be issued simultaneously with 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. The City Manager is authorized to waive the fee for the revocable encroachment permit.