

Meeting Date: 5/21/2013

Report Type: Consent

Report ID: 2013-00369

Title: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program: Bridgecross Project

Location: District 1

Issue: The goals of the Bridgecross Project are to reduce the critical speed on key streets in the neighborhood, increase pedestrian safety on Regency Park Elementary School pedestrian routes, and improve safety adjacent to traffic circles. Council approval of the traffic-calming plan is necessary to implement the plan.

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

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Presenter: None

Department: Public Works Department

Division: Transportation Division

Dept ID: 15001911

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Background-Template
- 3-Exhibit A-Location Map
- 4-Exhibit B-Ballot

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
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City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 4/29/2013 3:45:48 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Bridgecross NTMP Project is generally bound by W. Elkhorn Boulevard on the north, Sacramento City limits on the east, Amazon Avenue and Salazar Way on the south and Regency Park and Zurlo Way on the west.

The Bridgecross neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in May 2012. The goals of the Bridgecross Project are to reduce the critical speed on key streets in the neighborhood, increase pedestrian safety on Regency Park Elementary School pedestrian routes, and improve safety adjacent to traffic circles.

Policy Considerations: The NTMP serves to enhance the quality of life within existing neighborhoods through the use of neighborhood traffic management techniques, while recognizing the City's desire to provide a grid system that creates a high level of connectivity, consistent with General Plan Goal M 4.3.

Economic Impacts: None

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services Division, has reviewed the Bridgecross NTMP Project and has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the 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: 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.

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The Phase 1 Traffic-Calming Plan, developed by the Bridgecross Traffic-Calming Committee, addresses speeding, children's safety, and vehicular safety through the installation of speed lumps, standard crosswalks, pedestrian and school-related signage and pavement legends, parking restrictions, traffic circle redesign, 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 Bridgecross neighborhood includes installation of:

- Speed Lumps on:
 - Bridgecross Drive Between Bombay Circle/Domino Avenue and Salazar

- Way/Amazon Avenue
- Amnest Way between Domino Avenue and Amazon Avenue
- Fancy Way between Bridgecross Drive and Charm Way/Herbal Way
- Standard Crosswalks on:
 - Charm Way at Bridgecross Drive (east and west sides)
 - Bombay Circle and Domino Avenue at Bridgecross Drive
 - Salazar Way and Amazon Avenue at Bridgecross Drive
- Crosswalk Signage and Pavement Legends on:
 - Bridgecross Drive at Fancy Way
 - Bridgecross Drive at Charm Way
 - Bridgecross Drive at Bombay Circle/Domino Avenue
 - Bridgecross Drive at Salazar Way/Amazon Avenue
 - Bridgecross Drive at Zurlo Way/Honor Parkway
 - Fancy Way at Spenlow Way
- Red Curb (to open up intersections on school bus routes) on:
 - Herbal Way at Fancy Way – northeast side
 - Charm Way at Herbal Way (Southeast intersection) – north side
 - Charm Way at Bridgecross Drive – West side of intersection
 - Bridgecross Drive At Fancy Way – west side adjacent to existing crosswalks
- Traffic Circle Redesign:
 - Halo Way at Vossspark Way/Daggett Way – Replace circle edge with mountable curb
 - Bridgecross Drive at Bombay Circle/Domino Avenue – Reduce traffic circle width
- Neighborhood Signs reading “Regency Park – Please Drive Safely” on:
 - Sageview Drive, south of Elkhorn Boulevard
 - Bridgecross Drive, east of Natomas Boulevard

A copy of the ballot, which includes device locations, is attached. See 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 result. Of the ballots mailed to Bridgecross residents, 25.3% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 80.4% (189 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 19.6% (46 votes) were opposed. Therefore, the majority of the votes cast were in favor of the Phase I plan.

Financial Considerations: The Traffic Calming Program (S15120700) has a total budget of \$250,000, consisting of local transportation funds. As of April 11, 2013, the Traffic Calming Program (S15120700) has an unobligated balance of \$156,574, which is sufficient to cover the remaining community outreach, traffic studies and the estimated project construction cost of \$55,700 for the Bridgecross NTMP Project and complete the remainder of traffic-calming projects under this 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.

Background

The NTMP was adopted by City Council in December 1995, and officially began in May 1996. Bridgecross is the fifteenth neighborhood to participate in Council District 1 in the NTMP. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in May 2012. 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

- Enforcement has been requested.

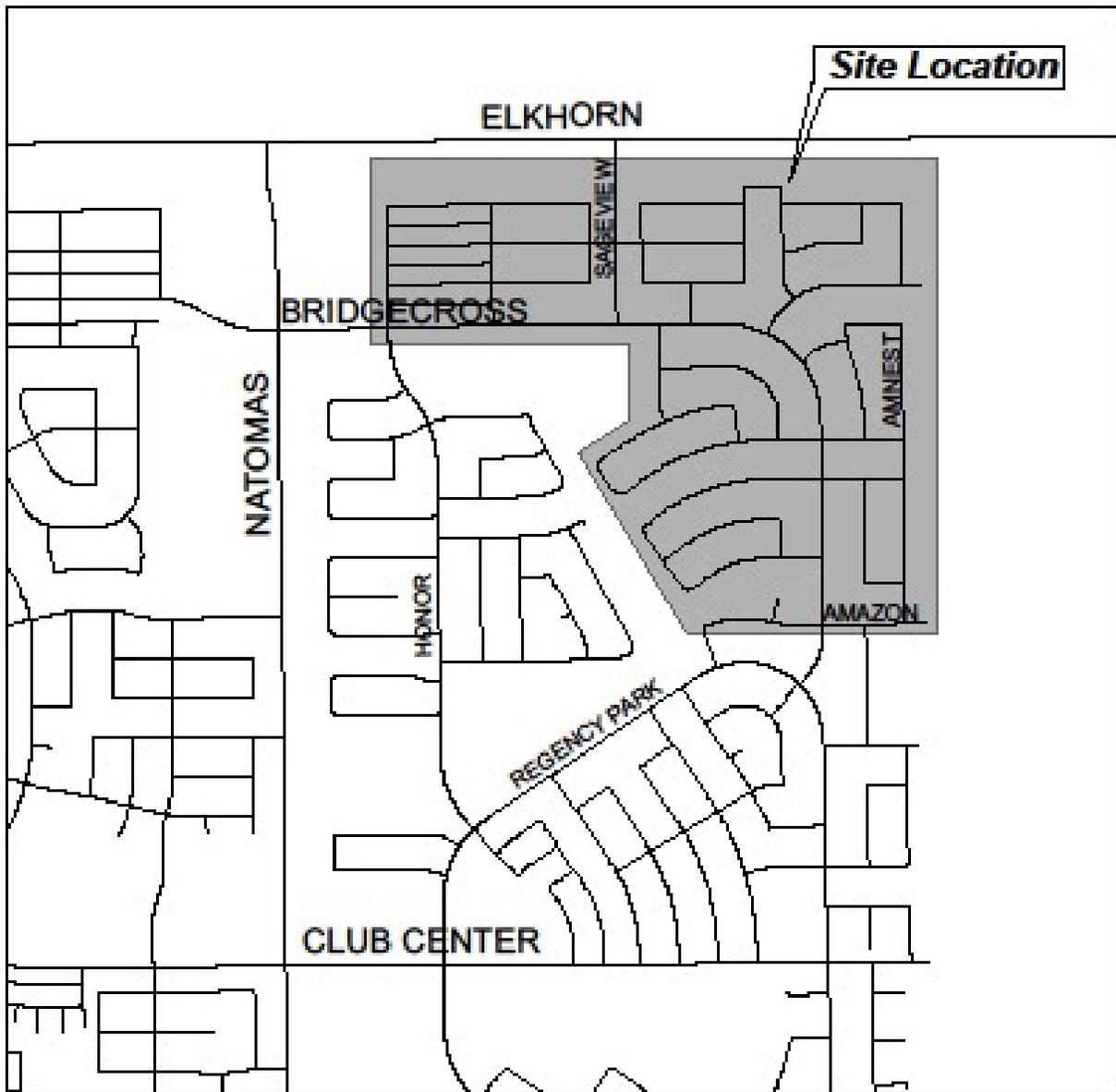
Engineering

- 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 80.4% of votes received.

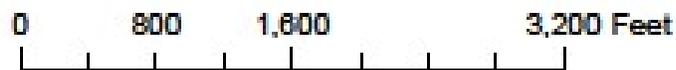
For tracking purposes, The Traffic Calming Program (S15120700) is divided into sub-Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for budgeting and tracking individual NTMPs. The Bridgecross NTMP (S15120701) has been established as a sub-CIP.

LOCATION MAP FOR BRIDGECROSS NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD

EXHIBIT A



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: April, 2013



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:

Speed Lumps - Install on:

- Bridgecross Dr between Bombay Cir/Domino Av & Salazar Wy/Amazon Av (2 lumps),
- Amnest Wy between Domino Av & Amazon Av (2 lumps),
- Fancy Wy (1 lump).

Standard Crosswalks - Install on:

- Charm Wy at Bridgecross Dr (east & west sides)
- Bombay Cir & Domino Av at Bridgecross Dr,
- Salizar Wy & Amazon Av at Bridgecross Dr.

Crosswalk Signage and Pavement Legends at High-Visibility Crosswalk Locations—Add or update on:

- Bridgecross Dr at Fancy Wy,
- Bridgecross Dr at Charm Wy,
- Bridgecross Dr at Bombay Cir/Domino Av,
- Bridgecross Dr at Salizar Wy/Amazon Av,
- Bridgecross Dr at Zurlo Wy/Honor Pkwy,
- Fancy Wy at Spenlow Wy.

Red Curb - Install 20" of red curb to open up intersections and allow for bus movement on:

- Herbal Wy at Fancy Wy – northeast side,
- Charm Wy at Herbal Wy (SE) - north side,
- Charm Wy at Bridgecross Dr (west side of intersection) north and south sides of Charm Wy.
- Install 5" of red curb on each side of the crosswalk on Bridgecross Dr at Fancy Wy – north side.

Traffic Circle Redesign in the intersection of:

- Halo Wy at Vossparck Wy/Daggett Wy - Cut back the traffic circle and replace with mountable curb,
- Bridgecross Dr at Bombay Cir/Domino Av – Shave 2' from edge of the traffic circle.

Neighborhood Signs—Install on:

- Sageview Dr, south of Elkhorn Bl,
- Bridgecross Dr, east of Natomas Bl.

It's easy to vote!

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Bridgecross 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

March 22, 2013

