



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent  
February 20, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Norwood Acres Neighborhood Traffic Management Program - Project  
Approval for Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (PN: TN66)**

**Location/Council District:** The Norwood Acres Neighborhood is generally bounded by Eleanor Avenue on the north, UP railroad tracks on the west, Norwood Bypass and El Camino Avenue on the south, and Norwood Avenue on the east. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 2)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Norwood Acres Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Project – Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (PN: TN66).

**Contact:** Cindy Bates, Program Analyst, 808-6738; Hector Barron, Traffic Engineering Manager, 808-2669

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Department of Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services Division

**Organization No:** 3439

## **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Norwood Acres has been a participant in the NTMP since the kick-off community meeting held in November 2005. The goals of the Norwood Acres NTMP are to reduce speeding, reduce bypass traffic and identify locations for signage improvements.

**Policy Considerations:** The NTMP is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for improving public safety and achieving sustainability and livability.

**Environmental Considerations:** The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the Norwood Acres 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(c) and Class 11, Section 15311(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempted under Class 1, Section 15301(c), consist of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and



pedestrian trails, and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Projects exempted under Class 11, Section 15311(a), consist of the construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to on-premise signs.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Phase I Traffic Calming Plan, developed by the Norwood Acres Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeding at key locations throughout the neighborhood with the installation of speed lumps and the re-striping of Norwood Bypass. Street name, “no outlet” and guide signs have been added to improve traffic safety. The plan was recently approved by a vote of residents.

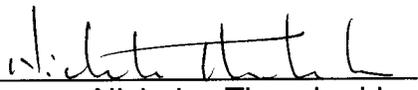
Phase I Improvements: The traffic calming plan involves placing physical devices on neighborhood streets. The Phase I plan for the Norwood Acres neighborhood includes the installation of speed lumps on Grove Avenue between Eleanor Avenue and Norwood Bypass. The ballot sent to the Norwood Acres neighborhood proposed speed humps on Grove Avenue. However, after subsequent outreach with the Fire Department, it is now recommended that the proposed speed humps be replaced with speed lumps with cut-outs for emergency vehicle access.

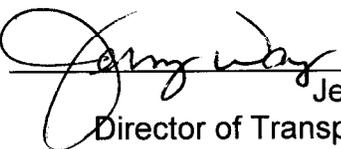
Norwood Bypass will be re-striping to provide one travel lane in each direction with a center left-turn lane, bike lanes and on-street parking on Norwood Bypass. “No outlet” signs will be installed on Bay Drive at Edgewater Drive and Colfax Street. Norwood Avenue “Keep Right” guide signs will be installed on northbound Grove Avenue at the Norwood Bypass. Grove Avenue (with directional arrows) and Norwood Avenue (with directional arrows) guide signs will be installed on Grove Avenue at Norwood Bypass. A street name sign will be installed on the northeast corner of Grove Avenue and Norwood Bypass. A copy of the ballot, which includes device locations, is included in Resolution Exhibit B.

Ballot Results: The NTMP requires residents to vote on Phase I measures. In order to have a successful ballot, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned. Due to lack of response after the first ballot mailing, it was determined by staff to extend the ballot deadline and resend ballots to non-responsive addresses. A majority vote (50%, plus 1) determines the ballot results. Of the ballots mailed to Norwood Acres residents, 28.4% were returned with valid votes casted. Of these, 95.3% (61 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 4.7% (3 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:** As of January 23, 2007, the Norwood Acres NTMP Project (PN: TN66) has a total budget of \$25,000 and an unobligated balance of \$24,876, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost of \$20,800 for Phase I of the Norwood Acres NTMP Project.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Any goods and services will be procured in accordance with established City policy.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
RAY KERRIDGE  
*for* City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background Information:**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995, and officially began in May 1996. Norwood Acres is the twelfth neighborhood to participate in Council District 2. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in November 2005. 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.
- The radar speed board was deployed to the area for a few days each month to educate drivers of their speed.
- Traffic Calming Committee members attended a Neighborhood Traffic Class to learn more about traffic engineering practices, laws and traffic calming devices.

Enforcement

- Residents and school parents were informed through flyers about various traffic and parking laws.
- Police traffic enforcement was conducted to address speeding, stop sign violations and driver behavior around the neighborhood schools.
- Parking enforcement officers have patrolled the area for parking violations.

Engineering

- A traffic calming plan was designed by the Traffic Calming Committee, reviewed by City engineering staff and presented to neighborhood residents for comment at a community meeting.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**NORWOOD ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVAL – PHASE 1  
TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN (PN: TN66)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. In December of 1995, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Norwood Acres Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN66) began in November 2005. 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 95.3% approval rate. Exhibit B (attached) is the ballot.
- D. Speed lumps will replace speed humps as the proposed device on Grove Avenue between Eleanor Avenue and Norwood Bypass based on additional outreach with the Fire Department. Speed lumps will result in less emergency response delay.

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

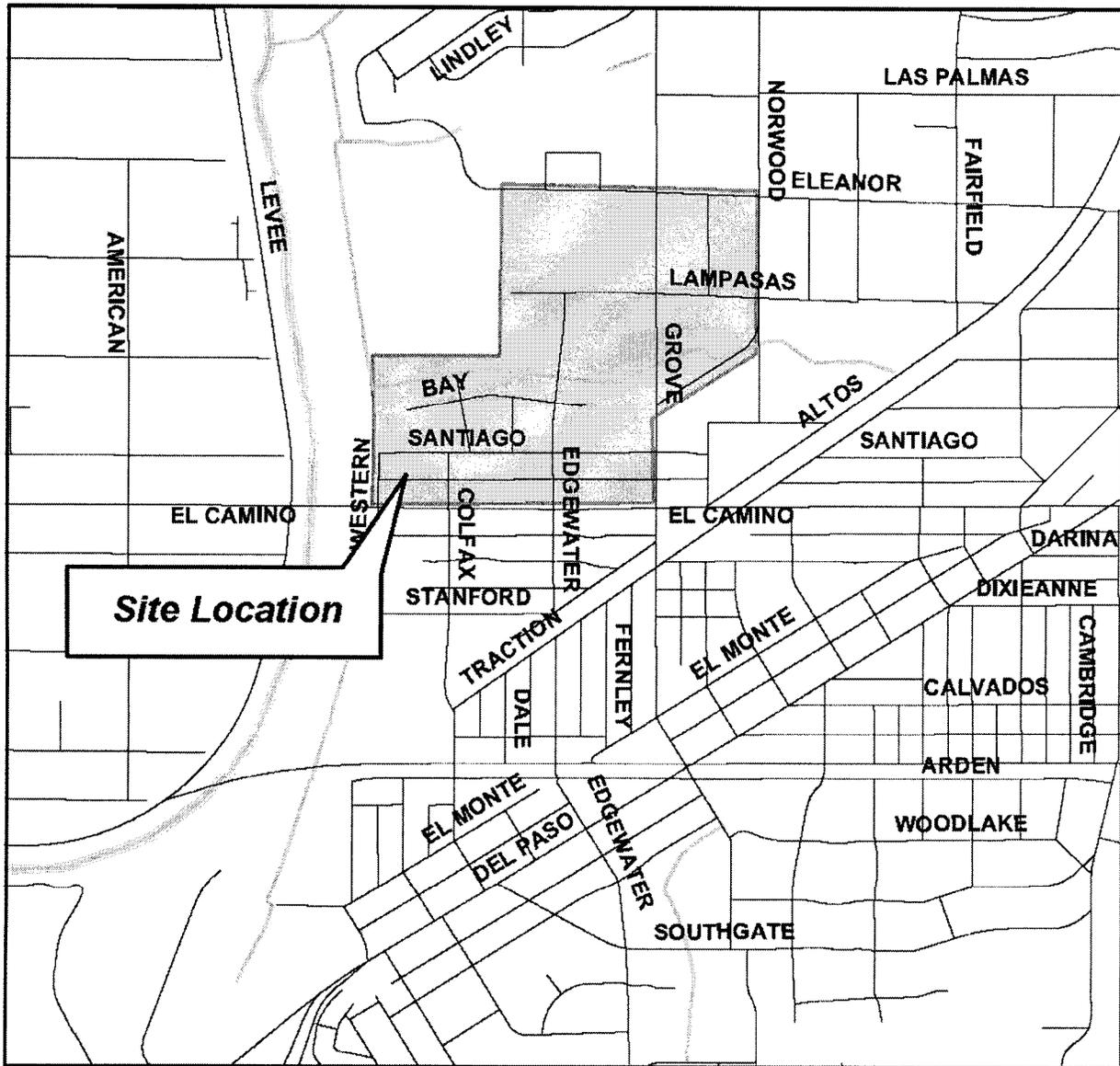
- Section 1. Approve the Norwood Acres Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project (PN: TN66).

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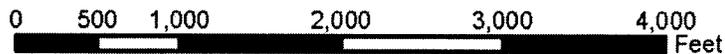
- Exhibit A: Norwood Acres NTMP Location Map - 1 page
- Exhibit B: Traffic Calming Plan Ballot - 1 page

**EXHIBIT A**

**LOCATION MAP FOR  
NORWOOD ACRES NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD  
(PN:TN66)**



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi  
Date: January 22, 2007



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

You have the opportunity to vote on a traffic calming plan for your neighborhood. This vote is to determine if the measures recommended by the Traffic Calming Committee (TCC), which consists of residents from your neighborhood, will be implemented.

The TCC assisted city staff in developing the plan. Various measures were reviewed and agreed upon by the TCC.

### Your Vote Counts!

Every address (residence and business) within your neighborhood has received this notice and ballot. Now is your opportunity to vote for or against the proposed traffic calming measures.

You and your neighbors will decide whether or not the traffic calming measures will be implemented in your neighborhood.

If enough votes are in favor, the plan will be presented to City Council for review, final approval and funding. In order to pass, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned with a simple majority in favor of the plan.

For more information call

(916) 808-8300

[www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation)

### Proposed Measures for Your Neighborhood

Below are the recommended measures. If approved, the measures will be constructed at no cost to residents and /or homeowners. You are asked to vote in favor of or against the entire traffic calming plan which includes the following measures:

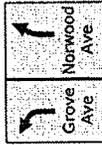
- Speed Humps - Install speed humps on Grove Avenue between Eleanor Avenue and Norwood Bypass (exact location of humps will be determined after the vote)

- No Outlet Signs- Install No Outlet signs at:
  - ⇒ Bay Drive at Edgewater Drive
  - ⇒ Bay Drive and Colfax Street

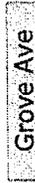
- Guide Signs - Install guide signs as follows:
  - ⇒ "Norwood Avenue Keep Right" sign on northbound Grove Avenue at Norwood Bypass



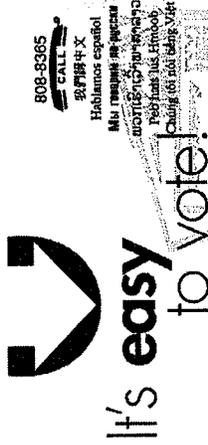
- ⇒ "Grove Avenue (with directional arrow)" and "Norwood Avenue (with directional arrow)" sign on northbound Grove Avenue at Norwood Bypass



⇒ "Grove Avenue" street sign



- Modify Striping on Norwood Bypass- Remove existing lane striping between Grove Avenue and Norwood Avenue and replace with striping for one travel lane in each direction with a center left-turn lane, bike lanes and on-street parking on Norwood Bypass



Tear off the ballot, cast your vote and drop it in the mail. (postage is paid).

### Norwood Acres

(formerly known as Rancho Del Paso)

One ballot per address.

My address

Yes - I am in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

No - I am not in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

Comments

All responses must be postmarked by

December 15, 2006

