



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
August 21, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: River Oaks Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project (PN: TN69)

Location/Council District: The River Oaks Neighborhood is generally bound by West El Camino Avenue on the north, the North Drainage Canal on the east, Garden Highway on the south and Interstate 80 on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 1)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the River Oaks NTMP Project (PN: TN69).

Contact: Debb Newton, Program Analyst, 808-6739; Angie Louie, Senior Engineer, 808-7921

Presenters: None

Department: Department of Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3439

Description/Analysis

Issue: The River Oaks Neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in February 2006. The goals of the River Oaks NTMP are to improve the effectiveness of the roundabout and traffic circles in the neighborhood, increase pedestrian safety near parks and schools, and reduce speeds and increase traffic safety in the neighborhood.

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 River Oaks 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, 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.

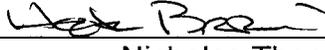
Rationale for Recommendation: The Phase I Traffic Calming Plan, developed by the River Oaks Traffic Calming Committee, addresses pedestrian, speeding and safety concerns at key locations throughout the neighborhood with the installation of speed lumps and a speed table, traffic islands and signing and striping. The plan was recently approved by a vote of residents.

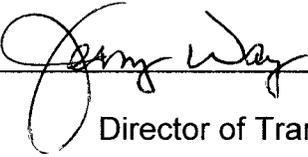
Phase I Improvements: The traffic calming plan involves placing physical devices on neighborhood streets. The Phase I plan for the River Oaks neighborhood includes the installation of speed lumps on West River Drive, Marina Glen Way and Unity Pointe Way, and a speed table on Barandas Drive. A pedestrian and two channelizing islands will be installed on West River Drive, along with an entry island on Shorebird Drive. High visibility crosswalks and signage will be placed on West River Drive, Kittiwake Drive and Two Rivers Drive. The plan also includes a rumble strip, speed legend and neighborhood sign on Orchard Lane, impact recovery paddles in the roundabout at West River Drive and Orchard Lane, and advanced signage approaching the traffic circles on West River Drive. 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. In order to have a successful ballot, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned. A majority vote (50%, plus 1) determines the ballot results. Of the ballots mailed to River Oaks residents, 37% were returned with valid votes cast. Of these, 78.8% (331 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 21.2% (89 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 estimated cost of the Phase I plan for the River Oaks NTMP Project (PN: TN69) is \$40,900. Funding for this project will come from three sources: \$24,900 from the River Oaks Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN69) (Fund 201), \$11,400 from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (PN: TS31) (Fund 201) and \$4,600 from the Speed Hump Program (PN: SH89) (Fund 201). As of July 24, 2007, the River Oaks NTMP Project (PN: TN69) has a total budget of \$25,000 and an unobligated balance of \$24,956, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (PN: TS31) has an unobligated balance of \$269,015 and the Speed Hump Program (PN: SH89) (Fund 201) has an unobligated balance of \$147,246, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost for Phase I of the River Oaks NTMP Project.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
For Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

Ben 
RAY KERRIDGE
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. River Oaks is the eleventh neighborhood to participate in Council District 1. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in February 2006. 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 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

APPROVING THE RIVER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT (PN: TN69)

BACKGROUND

- A. In December 1995, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The River Oaks Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN69) began in February 2006. 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 78.8% 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. Approve the River Oaks NTMP Project (PN: TN69)

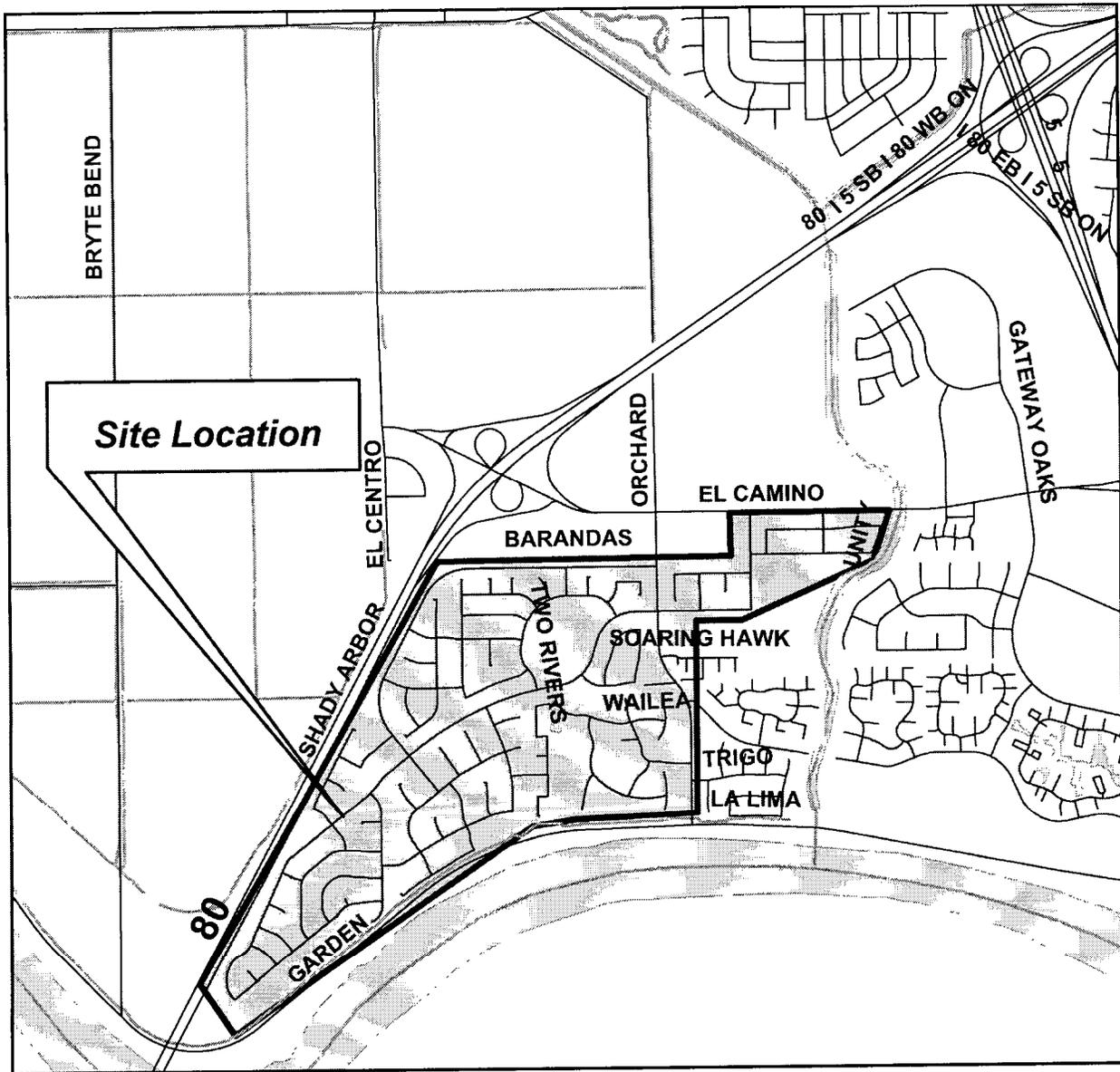
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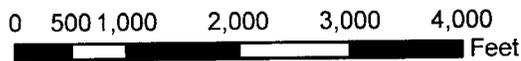
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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR
RIVER OAKS NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(PN:TN69)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: July 19, 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

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:

Install Impact Recovery Paddles on:

- ◆ The northbound approach to the roundabout
- ◆ At each small island in the roundabout

Install Traffic Circle Advanced Warning Signs on:

- ◆ West River Dr approaching the traffic circle at Barandas Dr

Install Channelizing Islands on:

- ◆ West River Dr near the northeast and southwest corners before the traffic circle at Barandas Dr

Install a Pedestrian Island on:

- ◆ West River Dr, east of Two Rivers Dr

Install High Visibility Crosswalks on:

- ◆ West River Dr at Marta Bella Way
- ◆ West River Dr at Bergamo Way
- ◆ Kittiwake Dr at Swainson Way

Install Crosswalk Warning Signs on:

- ◆ Two Rivers Dr at the existing crosswalks

Install Speed Lumps on:

- ◆ West River Dr, west of Shorebird Way
- ◆ West River Dr, west of Marina Glen Way
- ◆ Marina Glen Way
- ◆ Unity Pointe Way

Install a Speed Table on:

- ◆ Barandas Dr, north of Delphinium Way

Install an Entry Island on:

- ◆ Shorebird Dr, south of West River Dr

Install a Rumble Strip & Intersection Warning Sign on:

- ◆ Orchard Lane, north of Swallows Nest Dr

Install a Speed Legend on:

- ◆ Orchard Lane, north of Garden Highway

Install a Neighborhood Sign on:

- ◆ Orchard Lane, north of Garden Highway



It's **easy** to vote!

Tear off the ballot, vote and drop it in (postage is paid).
River Oaks

One ballot per address.
My address _____

Yes – I am in favor of measures indicated

No – I am not in favor of measures indicated

Comments _____

All responses must be returned by _____

June 22

