



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 11, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: The Restriction of Traffic Through the Alley Bounded Between 27th Street, 28th Street, "E" Street and "F" Street; Restricted Traffic Proceeding NO. RT07-02

Location/Council District: Alley bounded between 27th Street, 28th Street, "E" Street and "F" Street in Council District 3 (see Attachment 2, Page 5).

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the restriction of traffic through the alley bounded between 27th Street, 28th Street, "E" Street and "F" Street.

Contact: Jerry Lovato, Senior Engineering Technician, (916) 808-7918; Thomas Adams, Engineering Technician, (916) 808-7929

Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Development Services

Division: Development Engineering

Organization No: 4887

Description/Analysis

Issue: The adjacent property owners to the subject alley have requested the restricted access of this subject alley to help eliminate or reduce the amount of criminal activity within this alley.

A summary of the project's history is included in Attachment 1, Page 4.

Policy Considerations: The procedures under which the restriction of traffic is being initiated are set forth in the Vehicle Code Section 21102.1 and Sacramento City Code Chapter 12.40.010 through 12.40.080 allowing the restriction of 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.

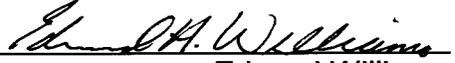
Committee/Commission Action: None

Environmental Considerations: The Environmental Planning Services section of the Development Services Department 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 3, Section 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempt under 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 exempt under Class 3, Section 15303(e), consist of the construction of small accessory structures.

Rationale for Recommendation: Adoption of the associated Resolution will provide additional security for the property owners and adjacent residents by reducing the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic that may use this subject alley for criminal activity.

Financial Considerations: This request is processed under the Problem Alley Abatement Program of the City. The program, which provides for the construction of gates and necessary signs on alleys with crime-related problems, was approved for FY 2007/2008 by City Council and will be funded by the Problem Alley Abatement Program's operating budget. The total estimated cost to process this alley request is \$3,411. Whereas fifty percent of the total costs to process this restricted alley request will be paid for by the Problem Alley Abatement Program's operating budget and the other fifty percent will be paid for by the adjacent property owners to this subject alley in Council District 3. Staff has determined that the request to restrict the subject alley meets the criteria set forth in the Vehicle Code 21102.1 and City Code 12.40.10 through 12.40.80 allowing the restriction of traffic through an alley or alleys for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Edward Williams
Manager, Development Engineering

Approved by: 
William A. Thomas
Director of Development Services Department

Recommendation Approved:

Plan


RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Background

THE RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BETWEEN 27TH STREET, 28TH STREET, "E" STREET AND "F" STREET

This proposed alley restriction was requested by the adjacent property owners to the subject alley. The alley is currently unrestricted to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This accessibility has allowed non-residents the ability to travel through the subject alley and commit criminal acts. Many of these activities have been documented by the Sacramento Police Department which supports the restriction of this subject alley (see Attachment 3, Page 6).

The restriction of this subject alley will entail the installation of one gate placed within the center of the subject alley. This gate will be locked and only allow City agencies, utility companies and emergency personnel, pedestrian and vehicular access through the alley (see Attachment 2, Page 5). The restriction of this subject alley will assist in deterring criminal activity by reducing the number of non-residents frequenting the alley who use it as a conduit to commit any criminal infractions.

The total estimated cost of processing this alley restriction along with the gate and sign installation will be \$3,411. This cost will be split between the City of Sacramento's Problem Alley Abatement Program and the adjoining property owners. Each entity will pay \$1,705 towards the cost of installing the gate and required signs. The adjoining property owners have paid their fair share contribution of \$1,706..

In addition to the Police Department's support of the alley restriction of the subject alley, the City of Sacramento Fire Department has also given support to the alley closure. The Fire Department certifies that the proposed restriction of this alley will not adversely impact their operation or the safety within the surrounding neighborhoods (see Attachment 4, Page 8).

The restriction of this subject alley is also supported by the City of Sacramento's Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT certifies that the proposed alley restriction does not include a through highway or arterial street and that the alley restriction allows adequate and safe traffic circulation on the adjacent streets (see Attachment 5, Page 9).

Solid Waste [SP1] has also given their approval for this alley restriction (see Attachment 6, Page 10).

Section 12.40.030 of the City Code states that any restriction of vehicular or pedestrian traffic authorized pursuant to Section 12.40.020 shall remain in effect for such a period of time as specified in the City Council's resolution authorizing such restriction. Or, if no time period is specified, until the City Council finds that such restriction is no longer necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health, or welfare.

Attachment 2

Requested Restricted Access; Alley {E,F,27,28 streets}



Attachment 3



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

5776 FREEMONT BLVD #100
SACRAMENTO, CA 95822

Phone (916) 2645471

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Sacramento
Development Services
915 I Street, Room 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: **CLEARANCE FOR THE RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH
THE ALLEY BOUNDED BY BY "E" STREET, 27TH STREET, "F"
STREET AND 28TH Street**

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

COMMENTS:

None. We are not opposed.



Police Department Signature

8-8-07

Date

SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) FOR ALLEY AND PROPERTIES OF 27TH Street, 28th Street, E Street and F Street

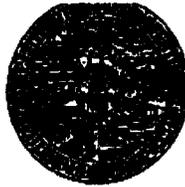
July 1, 2006—July 1, 2007

TYPE OF CALL	# OF CFS
TRAFFIC STOP	50
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	11
TOWED VEHICLES	9
HAZARD	7
DISTURBANCE NOISE COMPLAINT	5
ABANDONED PHONE CALL	6
ALL UNITS	4
DISTURBANCE	4
AMBULANCE REQUEST	3
WELFARE CHECK	3
DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY	3
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	3
BATTERY	3
CAR JACKING	3
DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY	3
PARKING VIOLATION	3
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3
DUI-ALCOHOL/DRUGS	2
ROBBERY	2
VANDALISM TO REAL PROPERTY	2
CSI-CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR	2
5150-POSSIBLE MENTAL	2
ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON	2
VEHICLE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION	2
GANG ACTIVITY,WANTED SUBJECT,FOUND PROPERTY,DRUG POSSESSION,SPOUSAL ASSAULT,VANDALISM,WRECKLESS DRIVING, STOLEN VEHICLE,PURSUIT, DRUNK IN PUBLIC, CAR BURGLARY	1-CALL EACH (11)

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

118





FIRE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

5770 Prospect Blvd. Room 200
Sacramento CA 95822

Phone (916) 433-1300

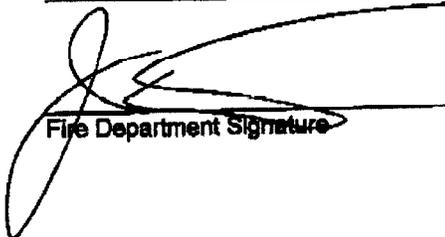
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STREET AND 28th Street

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:


Fire Department Signature

8/18/07
Date

Attachment 5



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
PHONE (916) 264-8300

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STREET AND 28TH STREET.**

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:

No OBJECTIONS



Traffic Engineering Signature

8/24/07

Date

Attachment 6



GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

2812 Meadowview Road, Bldg. A
SACRAMENTO, CA 95832

Solid Waste

PHONE (916) 433-4949

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STREET AND 28TH Street (See Attached map)**

In reference to the requested temporary closure, I have reviewed the material on the above subject alley.

I find that the proposed restriction of traffic will not adversely impact the operations of the General Services Department-Solid Waste Division. The General Services Department supports this restriction of traffic. Additional comments may follow below.

I do not support the proposed restriction of traffic. See comment below.

COMMENTS:

There must be adequate space to service garbage and recycling containers.

General Services Department Signature

8/2/07

Date

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

AUTHORIZING THE RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE ALLEY BOUNDED BETWEEN 27TH STREET, 28TH STREET, "E" STREET AND "F" STREET; RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC PROCEEDING NO. RT07-02

BACKGROUND

- A. The City received a request from the property owners and neighboring residents of the alley bounded by 27th Street, 28th Street, "E" Street and "F" Streets for the restriction of their adjacent alley.
- B. In accordance with Section 21102.1 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California and with Chapter 12.40.10 through 12.40.80 of the Sacramento City Code, the City Council hereby considers approval of the restriction of traffic on the following subject alley to help prevent future criminal acts.

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, City Council hereby makes the following findings:
 - a) There is criminal activity in the area of the subject alley recommended for restriction. This finding is based upon a recommendation of the Police Department.
 - b) The alley recommended for restriction 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 restriction contributes to the criminal activity that is occurring there.
 - d) The restricted alley 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 City Council finds and determines that the subject alley restriction will substantially alleviate the existing criminal activity in that alley.
- Section 3. The City Council grants the restriction of the subject alley with the following conditions:

- a) A gate security device approved by the Sacramento Fire Department will be installed on the gates.
- 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 gate 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.
- e) In the event that the gate 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 Development Services Department. 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. Staff recommends that the City Manager waive the fee for the revocable encroachment permit.