



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
November 13, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Belden Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (PN: TN71)

Location/Council District: The Belden Neighborhood is generally bounded by South Avenue on the north, Alvarado Boulevard on the east, Rivera Drive on the south and Rio Linda Boulevard on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 2)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Belden Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Project – Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (PN: TN71).

Contact: Cindy Bates, Program Analyst, 808-6738; Angie Louie, Senior Engineer, 808-7921

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3439

Description/Analysis

Issue: Belden has been a participant in the NTMP since the kick-off community meeting held in October 2006. The goals of the Belden NTMP are to reduce speeding and reckless driving, and enhance safety for children.

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 Belden 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 Belden Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeding throughout the neighborhood with the installation of speed lumps and speed legend markings at key locations. A four way stop will be added at Los Robles Boulevard and Belden Street to improve traffic safety and assign right of way at the intersection. Marked crosswalks are being installed in intersections that have been identified as a route to school. 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 Belden neighborhood includes the installation of speed lumps on Nogales Street between Belden Street and Rio Linda Boulevard, Carmelita Avenue between Belden Street and Cypress, Los Robles Boulevard between Belden Street and Cypress Street and Rivera Drive between May Street and Rio Linda Boulevard. A four way stop will be installed on Los Robles Boulevard and Belden Street.

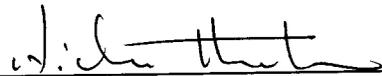
Marked crosswalks will be installed at Cypress Street, Branch Street, May Street and Belden Street as they intersect with South Avenue. Neighborhood signs will be installed on Rivera Drive, Los Robles Boulevard, Nogales Street, Belden Street, and Alvarado Street. Speed limit legends will be marked on Carmel Street near Rio Linda Boulevard, Silvano Street near Rio Linda Boulevard, Cypress Street near South Avenue, Branch Street near South Avenue, May Street near South Avenue and Belden Street near South Avenue.

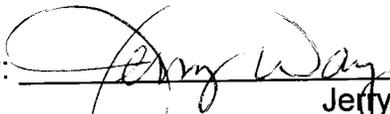
A copy of the ballot, which includes device locations, is included in Resolution, Exhibit B.

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. A majority vote (50%, plus 1) determines the ballot results. Of the ballots mailed to Belden residents, 28.3% were returned with valid votes cast. Of these, 98.9% (90 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 1.1% (1 vote) was 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 October 16, 2007, the Belden NTMP Project (PN: TN71) has a total budget of \$25,000 and an unobligated balance of \$24,877, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost of \$22,050 for Phase I of the Belden NTMP Project.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jetty Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


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. Belden is the thirteenth neighborhood in Council District 2 to participate. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in October 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 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

**BELDEN NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVAL – PHASE 1
TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN (PN: TN71)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December of 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Belden Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN71) began in October 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 98.9% approval rate. Exhibit B (attached) is the ballot.

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

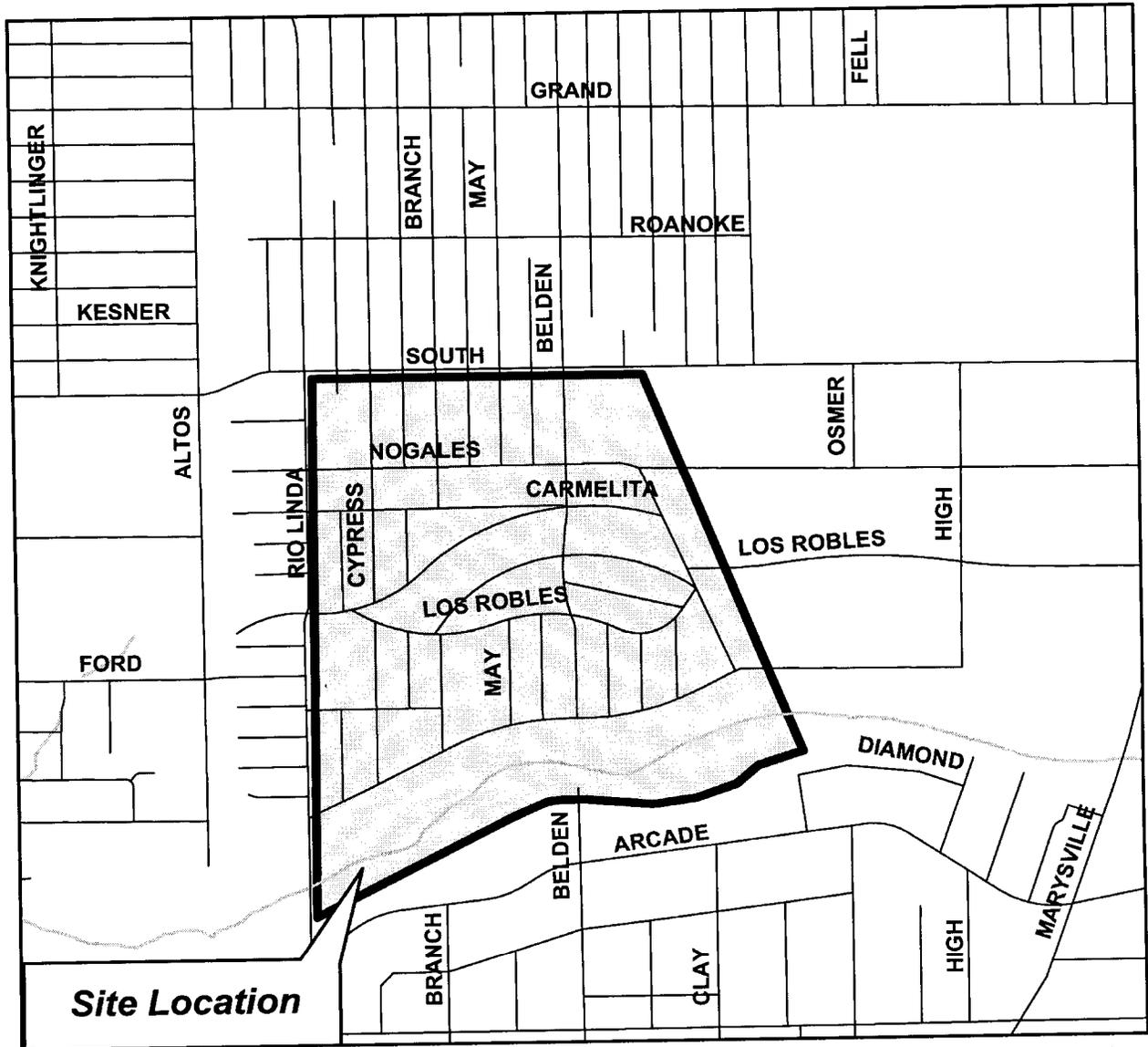
Section 1. The Belden Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project (PN: TN71) is approved.

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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR NTMP BELDEN NEIGHBORHOOD (PN:TN71)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: August 27, 2007

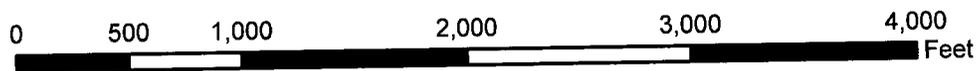


Exhibit B

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:

- ◆ **Speed Lumps**—Install speed lumps on:
 - Nogales St. between Belden St. and Rio Linda Blvd.
 - Carmelita Av. between Belden St. and Cypress St.
 - Los Robles Blvd. between Belden St. and Cypress St.
 - Rivera Dr. between May St. and Rio Linda Blvd.
- ◆ **Marked Crosswalks**—Install crosswalks at:
 - Cypress St. and South Av.
 - Branch St. and South Av.
 - May St. and South Av.
 - Belden St. and South Av.
- ◆ **Neighborhood Signs**—Install neighborhood signs at:
 - Rivera Dr. and Rio Linda Blvd.
 - Los Robles Blvd. and Carmelita Av.
 - Nogales St. and Rio Linda Blvd.
 - Belden St. and South Av.
 - Alvarado Blvd. and Congress Av.
- ◆ **Speed limit legends**—Install speed limit legends on:
 - Carmel St. near Rio Linda Blvd.
 - Silverado St. near Rio Linda Blvd.
 - Cypress St. near South Av.
 - Branch St. near South Av.
 - May St. near South Av.
 - Belden St. near South Av.



It's easy to vote!

808-8485
CALL 8 AM-5 PM
Mail response to:
Belden NTMP
City of Sacramento

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

Belden

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
August 10, 2007

