

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-616

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 16, 2005

APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 FROM THE NORTH NATOMAS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND (780-710-7012) TO THE NATOMAS BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT (PN: TR96) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WEST SIDE OF NATOMAS BOULEVARD BETWEEN NORTH BEND AND NEW MARKET DRIVE

BACKGROUND

- A. On June 30, 2005 a Sacramento County Grand Jury found that student safety is in jeopardy because of the lack of a completed pedestrian pathway along the west side of Natomas Boulevard between North Bend and New Market Drive.
- B. The Grand Jury recommended that the City provide the sidewalk improvements by August 22, 2005, and a response back to the Grand Jury by September 30, 2005.
- C. Staff is proposing to phase the Natomas Boulevard Widening Project (PN: TR96) into two phases. Phase 1 of the project will construct the sidewalk improvements on the west side of Natomas Boulevard from New Market Drive to North Bend Drive (location shown on Exhibit A – Map) by September 30, 2005, and Phase 2 will provide the remaining improvements in the Summer of 2006.
- D. The total cost for Phase 1 is approximately \$200,000.

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

- Section 1. The FY 05/06 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by appropriating \$200,000 (780-710-7012) from the North Natomas Community Improvement Fund to the Natomas Boulevard Widening Project (PN: TR96).
- Section 2. Staff is directed to respond to the Sacramento Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations (Exhibit B).

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- Exhibit A: Map of Natomas Boulevard Improvements Ph. 1 (PN: TR96) – 1 page
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Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 16, 2005 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway,
Waters and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hammond



Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:

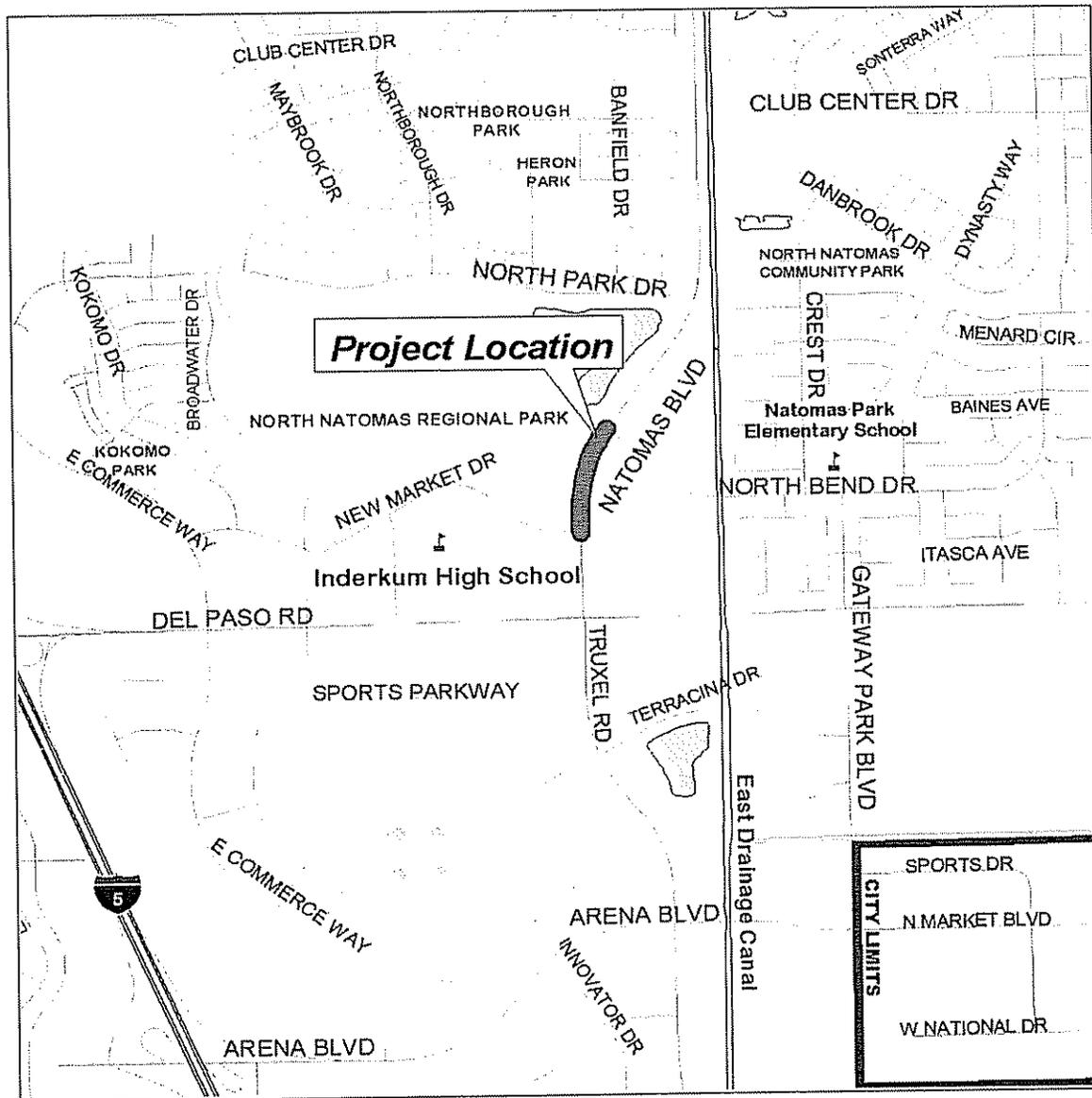


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

Location Map for

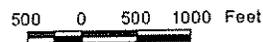
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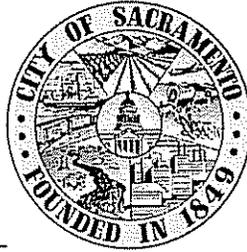
Inderkum High School Sidewalk Improvements North Bend Drive to New Market Drive



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Exhibit B

August 16, 2005

Response to the Sacramento County Grand Jury
Re: Student Safety Walking to Inderkum High School

Location: Inderkum High School is located at the northwest corner of Del Paso Road and Natomas Boulevard in North Natomas. Inderkum High School opened to 9th and 10th graders on August 19, 2004.

Issue: The Sacramento County Grand Jury investigated the issue of a safe path of travel along Natomas Boulevard for students walking to Inderkum High School.

Reason for Investigation: The reason for the investigation was that there was not a completed pedestrian pathway to Inderkum High School from North Park Drive to New Market Drive on the west side of Natomas Boulevard. Students sometimes cross to the east side of Natomas Boulevard where there is an existing sidewalk. However, some students take the shorter way and walk along Natomas Boulevard next to the automobile traffic. The Grand Jury wanted to know when a complete pedestrian walkway would be constructed providing sidewalks for the high school students.

Findings and Recommendations:

Finding #1: Student safety is in jeopardy because there is not a completed pedestrian pathway along Natomas Boulevard from North Bend to New Market on the west side.

Recommendation #1: In the interest of student safety, paved access in these areas needs to be completed.

City's Response to Finding #1 and Recommendation #1: As pointed out in the Grand Jury report, construction of the pedestrian path is included in the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of a larger project. In response to the Grand Jury's recommendation, the City will design and construct the project improvements in phases so that the sidewalk improvements can be constructed as early as possible.

Finding #2: The City has plans and the appropriate finances in the 2005-2006 budget to complete the pedestrian pathways sometime during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, but that may not occur until June 2006.

Recommendation #2: The City needs to ensure the completion of these areas to be used by students is done by the start of the school year, August 22, 2005.

City's Response to Finding #2 and Recommendation #2: The City will complete the sidewalk between North Bend and New Market by September 30, 2005, which is the earliest practicable time the improvements can be completed.