



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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CONSENT
February 28, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Project Approval: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I Traffic Calming Plan for the Vallejo Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN44)

Location/Council District: The Vallejo neighborhood is generally bound by Markham Way on the north, Land Park Drive on the east, Robertson Way on the south and Riverside Blvd on the west. Location map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 4)

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I traffic calming plan for the Vallejo Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN44).

Contact: Angela Bales, Program Analyst, 808-6738; Kate Binning, Program Specialist, 808-8365

Presenters: None

Department: Department of Transportation

Division: Engineering Services Division

Organization No: 3439

Summary:

The Vallejo neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in October 2003. The goals suggested by the neighborhood are to improve the right of way issue at the 5-way intersection, address visibility and right of way issues at 13th Street and Markham Way, address visibility and right of way issues at 12th Street and Markham Way, reduce speed and volume on Vallejo Way between Land Park Drive and Riverside Boulevard, and revisit Robertson Way (if the plan passes) to monitor for increased speed and volume.

The Phase I plan, developed by the Vallejo Traffic Calming Committee, is designed to address the goals through the installation of an all-way stop at 13th Street and Markham Way and at the 5-way intersection at Regina Way, Markham Way and 14th Street. The plan also includes the installation of speed humps on Vallejo Way between Land Park

Drive and Riverside Boulevard, an advanced stop warning legend on southbound 14th Street between 3rd Avenue and Vallejo Way, and street name signs at the 5-way intersection of Regina Way, Markham Way and 14th Street. The plan was recently approved by a vote of the residents.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996. The Vallejo neighborhood is the fifth neighborhood to participate in Council District 4. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in October 2003. 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 progress.
- 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.
- 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.

Phase I Improvements

The traffic calming plan involves placing physical devices on neighborhood streets. The Phase I plan for the Vallejo neighborhood includes the installation of all-way stops at 13th Street and Markham Way and at the 5-way intersection at Regina Way, Markham Way and 14th Street. The plan also includes the installation of speed humps on Vallejo Way between Land Park Drive and Riverside Boulevard, an advanced stop warning legend on southbound 14th Street between 3rd Avenue and Vallejo Way, and street name signs at the 5-way intersection of Regina Way, Markham Way, and 14th Street.

Ballot Results

The NTMP program 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 residents, 47.1% were returned with valid votes cast. Of those, 74.2% (or 115) were in favor of Phase I measures and 25.8% (or 40) 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 Vallejo Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN44) is \$9,500. Funding for this project will come from the Vallejo Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN44) (Fund 201). Sufficient funds are available to cover the traffic calming improvements proposed for the Vallejo Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN44).

Subject to Council approval, the Vallejo Neighborhood has received permission from Traffic Engineering to reserve the remainder of their \$25,000 budget (i.e., not expended for the Phase 1 plan improvements) to be added to the neighborhood fund raising effort for the installation of a traffic circle at the 5-way intersection at Regina Way, Markham Way, and 14th Street. The size and design of the traffic circle desired by the Traffic Calming Committee greatly exceeds the \$25,000 budget allotted to NTMP neighborhoods. The residents have until October 26, 2007 to raise funds and complete the design process or the funds will revert back to the NTMP program. Applicant shall follow Encroachment permit process and guidelines set forth by Traffic Engineering.

Environmental Considerations:

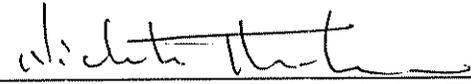
The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the Vallejo NTMP project and has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section 15301(c) and Class 11, Section 15311(a) of the 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.

Policy Considerations:

The NTMP is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for achieving sustainability and enhance livability.

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: 
Francesca Lee Halbakken
Interim Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


RAY KERRIDGE
Interim City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PHASE I TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN FOR THE VALLEJO NEIGHBORHOOD NTMP PROJECT (PN: TN44)

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 Vallejo Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN44) began in October 2003. 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 74.2% approval rate. Exhibit B reflects the plan as voted on by the residents.
- D. The Vallejo Neighborhood has received permission from Traffic Engineering to reserve the remainder of their \$25,000 budget (i.e., not expended for Phase 1 plan improvements) to be added to the neighborhood fund raising effort for the installation of a traffic circle at the 5-way intersection at Regina Way, Markham Way, and 14th Street. The size and design of the traffic circle desired by the Traffic Calming Committee exceeds the \$25,000 budget allotted to NTMP neighborhoods. The residents have until October 26, 2007 to raise funds and complete the design process or the funds will revert back to the NTMP program. Applicant shall follow Encroachment permit process and guidelines set forth by Traffic Engineering.

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

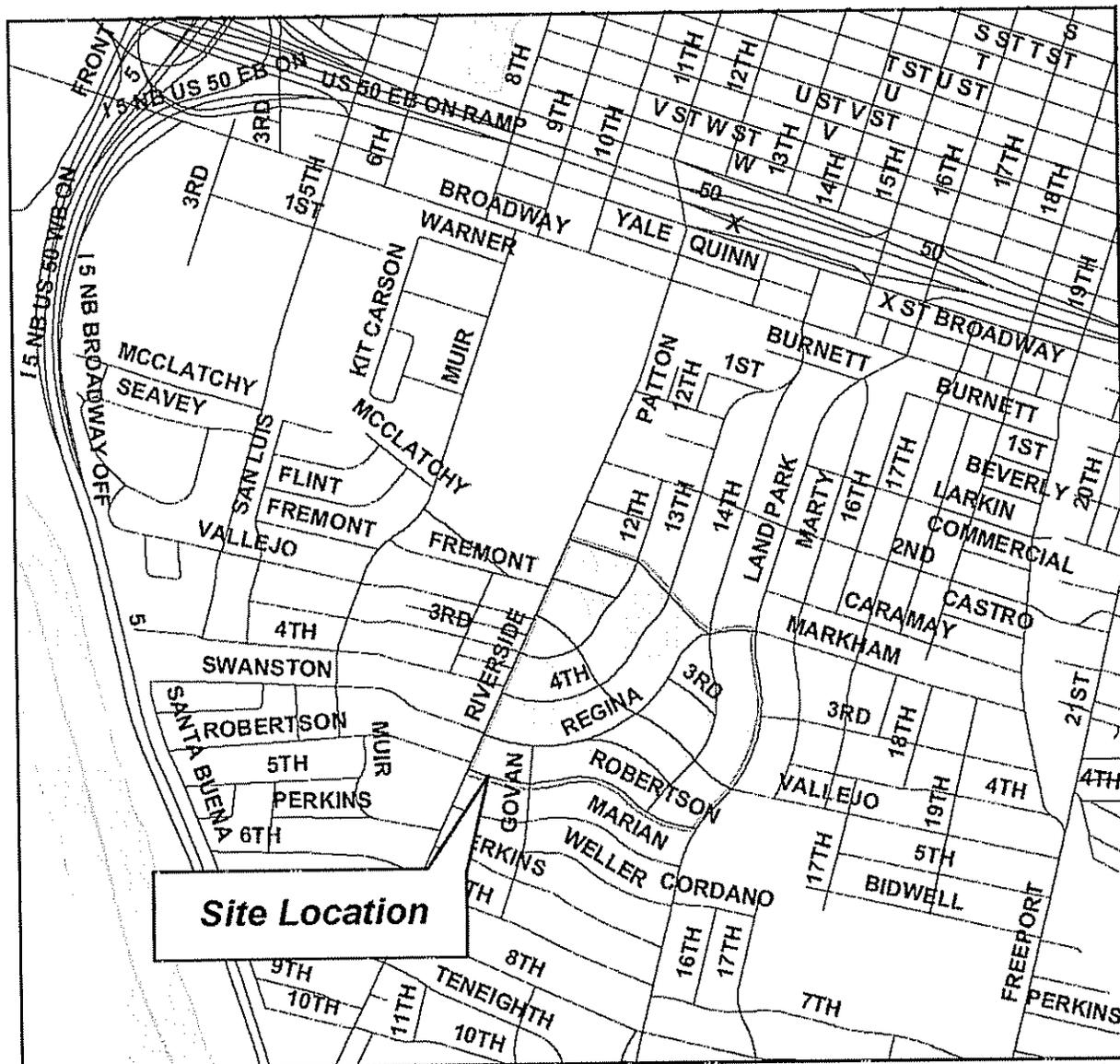
- Section 1: Approve the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Phase I Traffic Calming Plan for the Vallejo Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN44).
- Section 2: Reserve remainder of \$25,000 budget not expended on Phase 1 plan until October 26, 2007 for the design and installation of a traffic circle.

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EXHIBIT A

Location map for
VALLEJO NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(PN:TN44)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: January 9, 2006

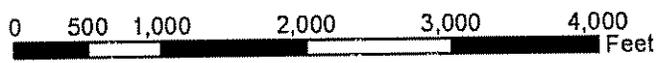


EXHIBIT B

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, this 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
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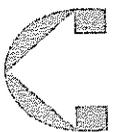
Proposed Measures for Your Neighborhood

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 one speed hump on Valjejo Way between 12th Street and 13th Street. Install one speed hump on Valjejo Way between Regina Way and 14th Street. (Exact location of speed humps will be determined after the voting process)
- All-Way Stop**— Install 4 stop signs at the intersection of 13th Street and Markham Way.
- 5-Way Stop**— Install 5 stop signs at the 5-way intersection at Markham Way, 14th Street and Regina Way. (Existing yield signs will be removed.)
- Street Name Signs**— Add two street name signs at the 5-way intersection at SB 14th Street to clearly show the continuation of 14th Street and where Regina Way begins. (Centerline striping will remain to indicate travel lane.)

Advance Stop Ahead Warning

Legend— Install an advance stop ahead warning legend on SB 14th Street between 3rd Avenue and Valjejo Way.



It's easy to vote!

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

Valjejo

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

November 30, 2005

