REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
April 18, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Project Approval: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I Traffic Calming Plan for the South Pocket Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN52)

Location/Council District: The South Pocket neighborhood is generally bound by Pocket Road on the north, Interstate 5 on the east, the Sacramento River on the south, and Greenhaven Drive on the west. Location map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 7)

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I traffic calming plan for the South Pocket Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN52).

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 South Pocket neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in December 2004. The goals suggested by the neighborhood are to educate the community about traffic safety, reduce speeding, and improve right of way issues at key locations in the neighborhood. The Phase I plan, developed by the South Pocket Traffic Calming Committee, is designed to address the goals through the installation of speed humps, stop signs, and signage. 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 South Pocket neighborhood is the seventh neighborhood to participate in Council District 7. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in December 2004. 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 South Pocket neighborhood includes the installation of speed humps on Smoke River Way, River Ranch Way, El Douro Drive, and El Rito Way. A stop sign will be installed on El Rito Way at El Douro Drive and two stop signs will be installed on El Douro Drive at Grand River Drive making it an all-way stop. A neighborhood identification sign will be installed on Greenhaven Drive at Pocket Road at the entrance to the neighborhood. A copy of the ballot, which contains device descriptions and locations, is included as Resolution Exhibit B.

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, 55.8% were returned with valid votes cast. Of those, 52.2% (or 106) were in favor of Phase I measures and 47.8% (or 97) 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 South Pocket Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN52) is $16,425. Funding for this project will come from the South Pocket Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN52) (Fund 201). Sufficient funds are available to cover the traffic calming improvements proposed for the South Pocket Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN52).

Environmental Considerations:

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the South Pocket 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: _____
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: _____
Francesca Lee Halbakken
Interim Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (NTMP) PHASE I TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN FOR THE SOUTH POCKET NEIGHBORHOOD NTMP PROJECT (PN: TN52)

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 South Pocket Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN52) began in December 2004. 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 52.2% approval rate. Exhibit B reflects the plan as voted on by the residents.

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

Section 1: Approve the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I Traffic Calming Plan for the South Pocket Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN52).

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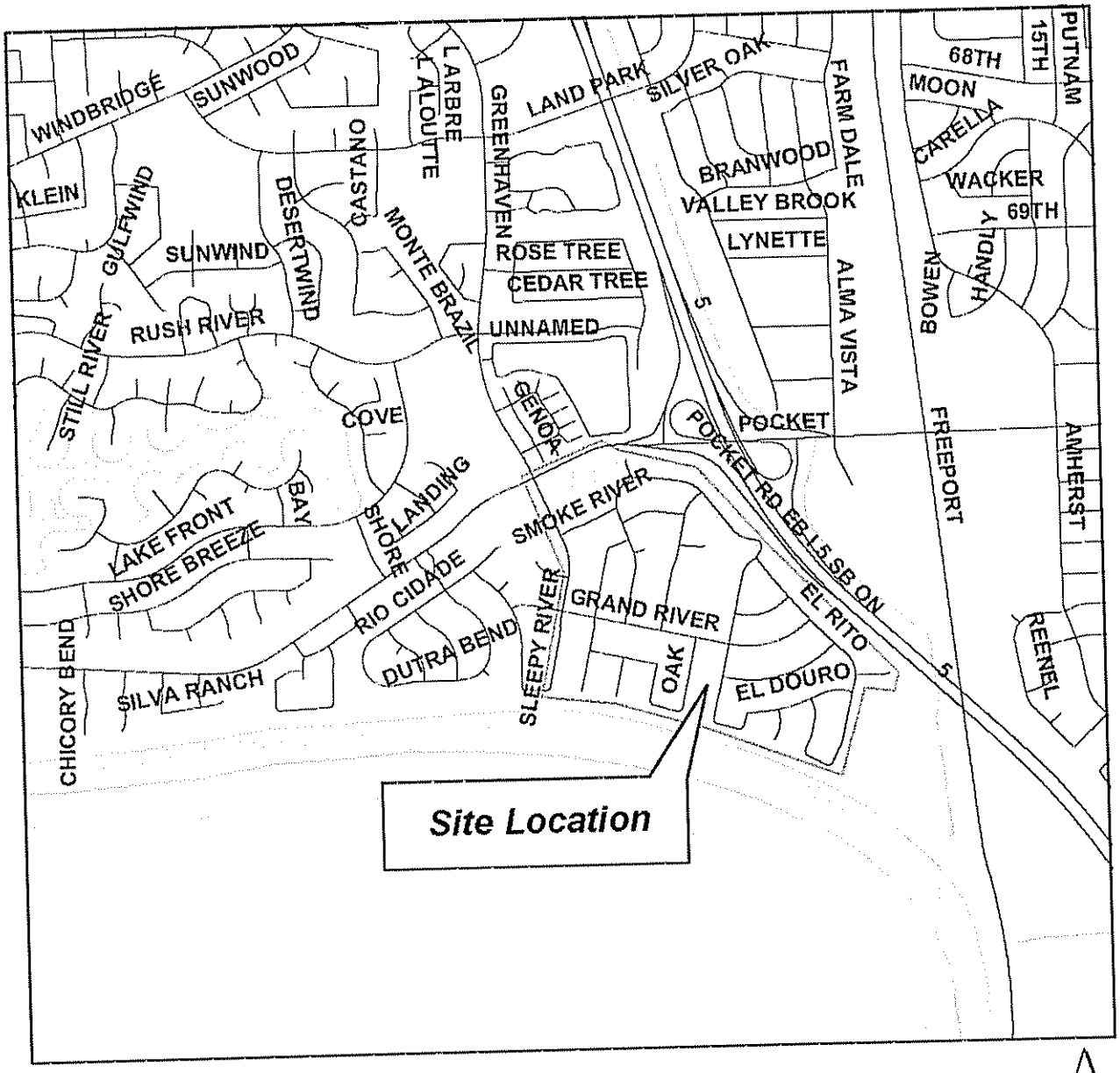
EXHIBIT A

Location map for

SOUTH POCKET NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD (PN:TN52)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: March 10, 2006

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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

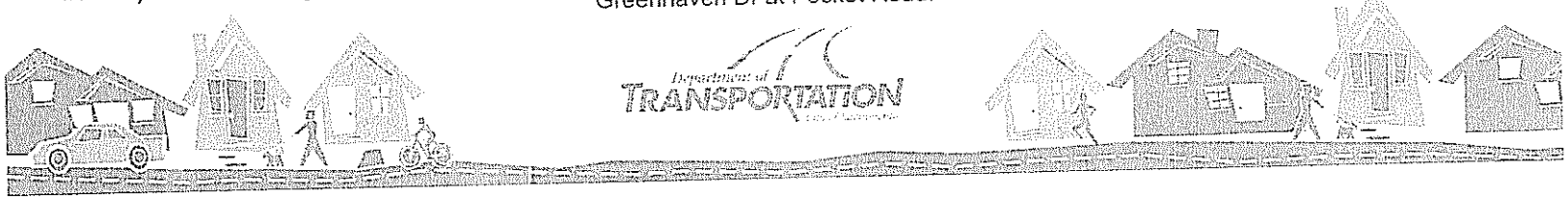
(916) 808-8300

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 Humps - Install speed humps on:
  1. Smoke River Way between Greenhaven Dr and River Ranch Way
  2. River Ranch Way between Smoke River Way and Roman Oak Way
  3. River Ranch Way between Roman Oak Way and El Douro Dr
  4. El Rito Way between El Douro Dr and La Cueva Way
  5. El Rito Way between La Cueva and Grand River Dr
  6. El Rito Way between Grand River Dr and Manzano Way
  7. El Douro Dr between El Rito Way and La Cueva Way
- All -Way Stop - Install 2 stop signs on El Douro Dr at Grand River Dr making it an all-way stop.
- 1 Stop Sign– Install 1 stop sign on El Rito Way at El Douro Dr.
- Neighborhood Identification Sign - Install one neighborhood identification sign on the grass median at the entrance to the neighborhood on Greenhaven Dr at Pocket Road.



It's easy to vote!

808-6738

CALL

Habla nos español

Мы говорим по русски

Pelo luis Ins Hueseh

Chúng tôi nói tiếng Việ

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

South Pocket

One ballot per address.

My address

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☐ 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

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All responses must be postmarked by

January 31, 2006