



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
December 11, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Heilbron Oaks Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project
(PN: TN72)

Location/Council District: The Heilbron Oaks Neighborhood is generally bound by Castro Way on the north, Franklin Boulevard on the east, Portola Way on the south and 24th Street on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 5)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Heilbron Oaks Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (PN: TN72).

Contact: Debb Newton, Program Analyst, 808-6739; Angie Louie, Senior Engineer, 808-7921

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3439

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Heilbron Oaks Neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in November 2006. The goals of the Heilbron Oaks NTMP are to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety at key intersections and reduce speeding on Portola Way.

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 Heilbron Oaks 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, 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 Heilbron Oaks Traffic Calming Committee, addresses intersection safety and speeding concerns at key locations in the neighborhood with the installation of speed lumps, striping, signage and a traffic island. 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 Heilbron Oaks neighborhood includes the installation of:

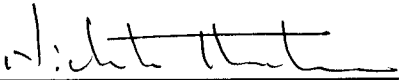
- A traffic island on the northwest side of the intersection of 26th Street and Castro Way to reduce the size of the intersection and increase visibility,
- Stop signs to provide right-of-way assignment at the intersections of 26th Street and Castro Way and at 27th Street and 3rd Avenue,
- Botts Dots on the centerline of the approaches to the intersection of 27th Street and Marshall Way to define the travel lanes,
- Speed lumps and speed legends on 26th Street, 27th Street, Marshall Way, Portola Way and 4th Avenue to reduce speeding and bypass traffic,
- Updated street name signage at the intersection of Franklin Boulevard with Castro Way/3rd Avenue,
- Neighborhood signs at key entrance points to the neighborhood.

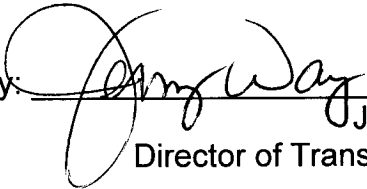
A copy of the ballot, which includes device locations, is included in the Resolution, Exhibit B.

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 Heilbron Oaks residents, 54.6% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 82.3% (200 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 17.7% (43 votes) 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 Heilbron Oaks NTMP Project (PN: TN72) is \$28,600. Funding for this project will come from two sources: \$24,977 from the Heilbron Oaks Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN72) (Fund 201) and \$3,623 from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (PN: TS31) (Fund 201). As of November 8, 2007, the Heilbron Oaks NTMP Project (PN: TN72) has an unobligated budget of \$24,977 and the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (PN: TS31) has an unobligated balance of \$246,743, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost for Phase I of the Heilbron Oaks NTMP Project.

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: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


for

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. Heilbron Oaks is the twelfth neighborhood to participate in Council District 5. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in November 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 in 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.
- Police traffic enforcement was requested to address speeding concerns.

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

**HEILBRON OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT APPROVAL (PN: TN72)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Heilbron Oaks Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN72) began in November 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 82.3% 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 Heilbron Oaks NTMP Project (PN: TN72) is approved.

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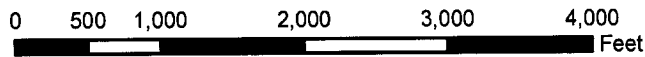
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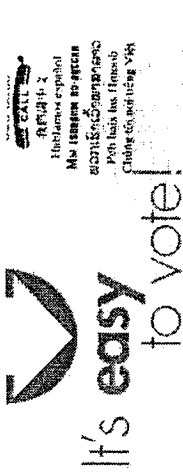
EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR
HEILBRON OAKS NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(PN:TN72)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: November 8, 2007





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

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
October 12, 2007

**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:

- Intersection of 26th St & Castro Wy.
- Install a 2-way stop on Castro Wy.
- Install a triangular traffic island on the northwest side of the intersection to reduce the size of and increase visibility in the intersection.
- Intersection of 27th St & 3rd Av.
- Install a 2-way stop to control 3rd Av
- Intersection of 27th St & Marshall Wy.
- Install Bollis dots on the centerline of all three inter-section approaches to define the travel lanes.
- Intersection of Franklin Bl & 3rd Av/Castro Wy
- Install new street name sign to clarify the offset intersection.

Speed Lumps - Install on:

- 26th St between Castro & 3rd Av (1 lump),
- 26th St north of Rochon Wy (1 lump),
- 27th St between Castro & 3rd Av (1 lump),
- Marshall Wy between 26th & 27th Sts (2 lumps),
- Portola Way between 24th & 25 Sts (1 lump),
- Portola Way between 26th St & Franklin Bl (2 lumps).

Speed Legend - Install "25" legend on:

- Marshall Way east of 24th St,
- Portola Way west of Franklin Bl,
- 4th Av west of Franklin Bl.

Neighborhood Signs - Install on:

- 24th St between 2nd Av & Castro Wy.
- 26th St south of 2nd Av.
- 4th Av west of Franklin Bl.

**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.

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