



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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Consent
April 6, 2010

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

**Title: West Del Paso Heights Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project
(S15071142)**

Location/Council District: The West Del Paso Heights neighborhood is generally bound by Harris Avenue on the north, Rio Linda Boulevard/open space on the east, South Avenue on the south and Norwood Avenue on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 2)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the West Del Paso Heights Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) Project - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (S15071142).

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

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Traffic Engineering

Organization No: 15001161

Description/Analysis:

Issue: The West Del Paso Heights neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in June 2009. The goals of the West Del Paso Heights NTMP are to reduce speeding, reckless driving and stop sign running while increasing the safety of children and pedestrians.

Policy Considerations: The NTMP is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for improving public safety and achieving sustainability and livability.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the West Del Paso Heights NTMP Project (S15071142) 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 operation, repair, or minor alterations 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.

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan. It is aimed at addressing the goals and targets set forth in the Transportation Infrastructure and Air Quality Focus Areas by improving and optimizing transportation infrastructure with streets that encourage pedestrians and bicycles.

Other: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Phase I Traffic Calming Plan, developed by the West Del Paso Heights Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeding, and vehicular and pedestrian safety at key locations in the neighborhood through the installation of a pedestrian island, marked crosswalks and advance pedestrian crossing signs with pavement legends, speed lumps, speed limit pavement legends, restricting parking for increased visibility and neighborhood gateway signs. 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 West Del Paso Heights neighborhood includes the installation of:

- Neighborhood Signs
 - West Del Paso Heights- Please Drive Safely
 - Kesner Ave at Norwood Ave
 - Grand Ave at Norwood Ave
 - Taylor St at Harris Ave
 - Grand Ave at Altos Ave


- Speed Legends and Speed Limit Signs
 - Morrison Ave at Taylor St & Altos Ave
 - Grand Ave at Altos Ave
- Pedestrian Island on Grand Ave at Taylor St
- Speed Lumps
 - 4 on South Ave between Altos Ave & Norwood Ave
 - 2 on Lindsay Ave between Taylor St & Norwood Ave
- High Visibility Triple 4 Crosswalk
 - Kesner Ave at Vern St
- Standard Bar Crosswalk
 - Lindsay Ave at Taylor St
- Relocate School Sign
 - Taylor St
- Parking Brackets
 - Grand Ave at Knightlinger St
- Red Curbs
 - Taylor St at Kesner Ave
 - Kesner Ave at Vern St
 - Morey Ave at the School Bus Stop

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 should be returned. A majority vote (50%, plus 1) determines the ballot results. Of the ballots mailed to West Del Paso Heights residents, 25.7% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 88.5% (100 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 11.7% (13 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 current project budget is \$46,000 consisting of local transportation funds (Fund 2001). There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project. As of March 8, 2010 the West Del Paso Heights NTMP Project (S15071142) has an unobligated balance of \$41,675 which is sufficient to cover remaining community outreach, traffic studies and the estimated project construction cost of \$29,400.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Hector Barron
City Traffic Engineer

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


Gus Vina
Interim City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995, and officially began in May 1996. West Del Paso Heights is the fourteenth neighborhood to participate in Council District 2. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in June 2009. 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 and parking enforcement were requested to address speeding and parking 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

**WEST DEL PASO HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM
PROJECT APPROVAL (S15071142)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The West Del Paso Heights NTMP Project (S15071142) began in June 2009. 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 an 88.5% approval rate. Exhibit B is the ballot.

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

Section 1. The West Del Paso Heights NTMP Project (S15071142) is approved.

Section 2. Exhibits A and B are incorporated into and made part of this resolution.

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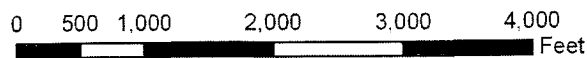
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EXHIBIT A

Location map for
WEST DEL PASO HEIGHTS NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(S15071142)



Map Contact: Pedro Sanchez
Date: February 5, 2010



Do you want traffic calming measures in your neighborhood?

This is your opportunity to vote on the proposed traffic calming plan for your neighborhood. You must vote either yes or no for all measures indicated on this ballot. This advisory vote will determine whether the traffic calming plan will be presented to Sacramento City Council.

Your Vote Counts!

The Traffic Calming Committee, comprised of individuals from your neighborhood, has developed this plan with assistance from Sacramento City staff. All residents and businesses within the project boundary will receive a ballot.

We must receive a minimum of 25% return on the balloting. If a simple majority of ballots returned vote yes, the traffic calming plan will be submitted to Sacramento City Council for review and approval.

What will it cost you?

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program traffic calming plan implementation is funded through Measure A. There is no cost to residents or homeowners.

For more information call

(916) 808-8300

www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation

Proposed Traffic Calming Plan:

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It's easy
to vote!



808-8300

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West Del Paso Heights

Check Yes or No to cast your vote,
tear off the ballot and put it in the
mail. No postage stamp is needed!

One ballot per address.
My address:

- Yes - I am in favor of the traffic calming plan on this notice.
- No - I am not in favor of the traffic calming plan on this notice.

Comments

All responses must be postmarked by

February 26, 2010

