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NEIGHBORHOODS, PLANNING AND
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June 21, 1999

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: 55th Street Cul-De-Sac Street Closure

LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: City Council District 6, 55th Street Approximately 150 feet passed 40th Avenue to the end of the cul-de-sac.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council approve street closure of the 55th Street cul-de-sac; take public testimony; and adopt the attached Resolution that make certain findings of fact required for the restriction of traffic.

CONTACT PERSON: Larry Cyrus, Neighborhood Resource Coordinator, 264-8193

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 29, 1999

SUMMARY

Neighbors in City Council District 6 have requested that the City deal with the continuing problems occurring at the 55th Street cul-de-sac. This can be accomplished through street closure utilizing Sacramento City Code, Chapter 38.15.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None required.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The cul-de-sac at the far south end of 55th Street has unrestricted access for pedestrians and vehicles. Residents adjacent to the cul-de-sac have informed the Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Services Department that they are experiencing continual crime-related problems in this area including illegal dumping, illegal truck parking, prostitution and graffiti. Installation of a gate which will prohibit entrance to the cul-de-sac will address the problem. All affected property owners have been notified (see Exhibit A).

Chapter 38.15 of the Sacramento City Code regarding the restriction of traffic through alleys and streets states that the City Council may adopt a resolution authorizing the restriction of vehicular or pedestrian traffic through any street or alley pursuant to this Chapter by means of gates, barriers, or other control devices, when the City Council finds that such restriction is necessary for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health, and/or welfare.

The following city departments have reviewed the proposed closure and do not oppose the action:

- Police Department
- Utilities Department
- Fire Department
- Public Works Department
 - Traffic Division
 - Solid Waste Division

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The construction of the gate and necessary signs for restriction of traffic at the cul-de-sac will be financed by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. The SHRA funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program was authorized by a Memorandum of Agreement between SHRA and the City, approved on August 16, 1996 and renewed annually.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Environmental Services Section has reviewed this project and has determined that this activity is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Sacramento City Code Chapter 38.15, allowing the restriction of traffic on streets for the protection or preservation of the public peace, safety, health or welfare, was approved by the City Council on June 4, 1996. The 55th Street closure is consistent with the Council priorities of neighborhood revitalization and safety.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS

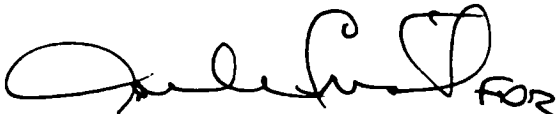
All contractors and supplies for the gated street closure will be purchased in accordance with the Emerging and Small Business Development guidelines for the City of Sacramento.

Respectfully submitted,

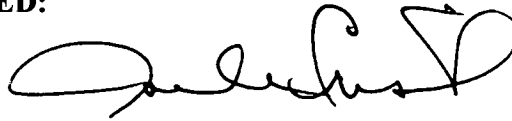


Mike Hanamura, Area 3 Director
Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Services

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager



JACK CRIST
Deputy City Manager

Attachment: Exhibit A



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June 11, 1999

To: Residents and Owners of Property Bounded by 55th Street Cul-De-Sac

From: Larry Cyrus, City of Sacramento, Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Dept.

Subject: Gating of 55th Street cul-de sac

Due to several complaints from local residents regarding the continuing criminal activity at the 55th Street cul-de-sac the city will be gating the end of 55th street, just prior to the cul-de-sac, approximately 150' south of 40th Avenue.

After an intense two year survey of the cul-de-sac by several City departments, including Code Enforcement, Police and Solid Waste, it has been determined that the best solution to this on-going problem would be to gate the cul-de-sac and eliminate traffic from entering into it.

This gating will not hinder foot traffic into this area. A wrought iron fence will be installed at the edge of the street on both sides. The fence will have a 20' gate to allow for emergency vehicles to pass through.

This project will be on the City Council's Consent Agenda on June 29, 1999.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the gating of this cul-de-sac, please feel free to contact me at 264-8193.

Sincerely,

Larry Cyrus,
Neighborhood Resource Coordinator
City of Sacramento, NPDS



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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF THE 55TH STREET CUL-DE-SAC IN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 TO RESTRICT TRAFFIC ACCESS

WHEREAS, The City Council enacted Chapter 38.15 of the City Code to allow for the closure of streets and alleys where persistent and disruptive illegal activities negatively impact city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, neighbors adjacent to the 55th Street Cul-de-Sac have faced continual illegal activities which disrupt their ability to enjoy a peaceful neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, City departments have reviewed the proposed street closure and do not oppose the closure for public safety or service concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. In accordance with Section 21102.1 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California and with Chapter 38.15 of the Sacramento City Code, the City Council hereby holds a public hearing on June 29, 1999 to consider approval of the closure of the following street to through traffic, pursuant to conditions of this resolution:
 - a. The 55th Street Cul-de-Sac approximately 150 feet south of 40th Avenue
2. To facilitate the restriction of traffic to the cul-de-sac, gates, barriers, required signs or other improvements that are approved by the City may be constructed in the public right-of-way at the previously mentioned location.

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3. The City Council hereby finds and declares that all the facts, as set forth in this resolution, and as stated in the staff report, are true and correct; and that by reason of these findings the aforementioned street shall be closed to vehicular traffic. Duration of the closure will be until the City Council finds that such closure is no longer necessary.
4. The City Council finds and determines that such closure of 55th Street is necessary for the protection and preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare.
5. The City Council finds and determines that the closure provides adequate access for the maintenance, operation, replacement, removal, or renewal of utilities existing in or accessible through the street, for delivery of freight by commercial vehicles, for the operation of emergency vehicles, and for the performance of municipal services.
6. The City Council approves the closure to traffic in the 55th Street Cul-de-Sac with the following conditions:
 - a. A Fire Department "Knox Box" key operated opening device shall be installed on all gates.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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