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April 27, 1999

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session

**SUBJECT: Staff Organization to Implement the North Natomas Community Plan**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** North Natomas (District 1)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide direction to staff concerning staffing organization to oversee the implementation of the North Natomas Community Plan. Staff is recommending the creation of a North Natomas Manager with dedicated support staff.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Gary L. Stonehouse, Planning Director (264-5567)

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** April 27, 1999

**SUMMARY:**

Staff recommends the creation of the position of North Natomas Manager to oversee the development of the Community of North Natomas. The Manager would report to a Deputy City Manager. The Manager would have a small dedicated staff that would focus on North Natomas issues. Infrastructure implementation will be coordinated with appropriate staff in the line departments.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At build out, North Natomas will be the current size of Roseville with about 65,000 people. The community will be bigger than any current council district. The community will have a town center and fourteen villages; parks, schools, urban services and infrastructure. The development of a community of this size, just like the governance of a city, requires and



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March 12, 1999

Sacramento City Council  
City Hall  
9th & I Streets  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Midtown Traffic Calming Project

Members in Session:

I am writing to express my concern about one feature of the above project; namely the *Traffic Circles*. By way of background, I live in East Sacramento on 33rd Street, north of McKinley Blvd. Nearly every day I drive from my home to a destination in Midtown, namely 21st & F Streets. In addition, on a regular basis I take the bus (No. 34) from my home to the same Midtown location. The bus travels on F Street from Alhambra to the downtown. When I travel directly to the downtown I use C or L streets.

I'll be out of town March 16, 1999, and ask that these remarks be included in the hearing record.

The reasons for my concerns are set out below:

1. The *circles* are not necessary to discourage traffic traveling through the Midtown. The stop signs, street closures and traffic diversions adequately accomplish this.
2. The *circles* are too large in diameter for the intersections where they are located. As a result they create driving hazards. They are not "safe at any

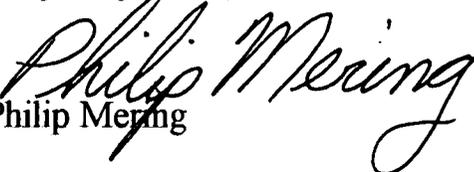
speed” because of the narrowness of the passageways between the corners and the barriers placed in the street.

3. The *circles have become receptacles for yard debris and trash*. The City’s belated efforts to clean these areas only emphasize the neglect which formerly was allowed to occur, and which will re-occur as soon as the hearings are completed.
4. Funds utilized for *circle* installations could better be spent repairing the deteriorating street surfaces in the Midtown. Ignoring 19th & 23rd, where construction is in progress, the other numbered streets between C and L streets are currently in a state of disrepair. If the City allows such deterioration to continue and spread there will be no need for any calming devices to discourage or slow-down traffic.
5. It is hard to imagine how a more dangerous situation could be created by positioning the circles at bus stops. Busses have great difficulty reaching rider stops after negotiating the circles. When a bus is at the bus stop it is impossible for vehicular traffic to get around the bus. There just isn’t room. As a result vehicles stack up in the *circle*.

The *circles* are round pegs in square holes and should be removed. As an alternative, they should be reduced in diameter and relocated from bus stop intersections.

Your favorable consideration will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Philip Mering

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cc: Mayor; City Council Members