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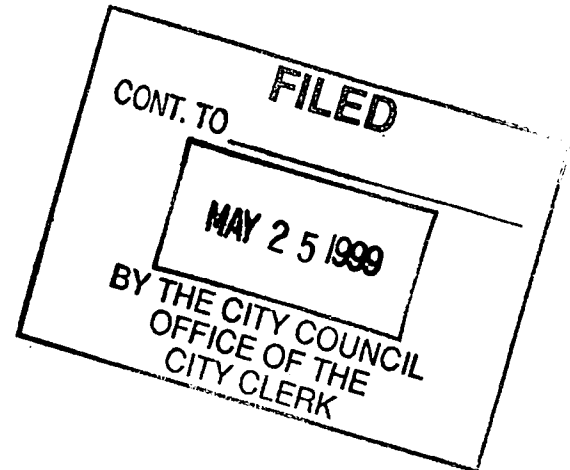
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC COORDINATION

LOCATION AND DISTRICT:

Citywide. All districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 25, 1999

SUMMARY:

This is an interim report on current construction projects and traffic coordination efforts within the City limits. A full report including recommended solutions will be provided on July 15, 1999.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Current Construction Projects

There are currently over 30 Capital Improvement Projects and nearly the same number of subdivisions scheduled for construction this summer. There are also 15 frontage improvement projects in various stages of construction and well over 50 locations where private utility work will be taking place. The Corp of Engineers has a major project starting along the American River that will affect the City's streets, and the State of California is moving forward with plans for major construction in the downtown area. Private developers are constructing one major new hotel on J Street, and construction continues on the Cal EPA building across from City Hall. These construction activities have increased the number of conflicts among those that use the City street system.

Construction Traffic Coordination Efforts

There are seven (7) major uses that compete for space in the City's streets:

- Commuter traffic
- Commercial delivery and shopping
- Pedestrians
- Bicycles
- Public transit
- Special events
- New construction and maintenance of existing facilities

The individual agencies and groups that schedule use of the streets number over 25 and are constantly growing and changing. The activity generated by these users varies depending on which area of the City is considered. Some areas have heavy commuter traffic, others are transit corridors, while still others combine business and pedestrian uses. All of these uses converge on the downtown area. The time of day, time of year, and economic conditions also affect the amount of traffic generated.

Conflicts among these competing uses are currently done on an ad hoc, reactive, and partially coordinated basis. Systems are in place that do very well handling limited portions of this process. However, there is not one person or group with the responsibility to insure that all these competing uses are identified, scheduled, and made known to stakeholders on a proactive, full time basis. Negotiation of street use restrictions on individual future projects occurs fairly well but is limited in scope. Research on potential control policies begins only after a problem surfaces.

The Department of Public Works is investigating possible systems to identify and minimize these conflicts where possible and inform those affected when conflicts are anticipated and cannot be resolved. A report to Council will be presented on July 15, 1999 that recommends solutions to the current situation.

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None. For information only.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None. For information only.

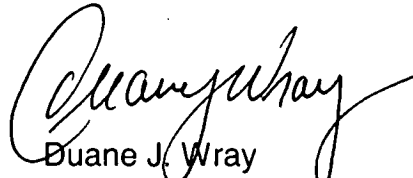
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Improved construction traffic flow furthers the City Council's goals of increased economic activity and improved neighborhoods.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable as no goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully submitted,



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