



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
**April 13, 2010**

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

**Title: Mercy General Hospital Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project  
(S15071137)**

**Location/Council District:** The Mercy General Hospital NTMP neighborhood is generally bounded by McKinley Boulevard and D Street on the north, 45<sup>th</sup> Street on the east, Folsom Boulevard on the south and 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Santa Ynez Way on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 3)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Mercy General Hospital Neighborhood Traffic Management Project (NTMP) - Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan (S15071137).

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

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Traffic Engineering

**Organization No:** 15001161

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The Mercy General Hospital NTMP neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program since the kick-off community meeting held in February 2009. The goals of the Mercy General Hospital NTMP are to focus on a few key traffic calming measures at priority locations to maximize impact of available funding, enhance pedestrian safety throughout the neighborhood with an emphasis on H Street and J Street, and improve the efficiency of H Street and J Street.

**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 Mercy General Hospital 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). The proposed project consists of the minor alteration of existing streets and sidewalks, involving no expansion of use beyond that existing.

**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 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 Mercy General Hospital NTMP Traffic Calming Committee, addresses pedestrian safety and speeds on H Street and J Street through the installation of improved crosswalk signage, high visibility crosswalks, a pedestrian island, Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI's), "Keep Clear" legends and Radar Speed Feedback 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 Traffic Calming Plan for the Mercy General Hospital NTMP neighborhood includes the installation of:

- Pedestrian Crossing signs (fluorescent yellow-green) at the following crosswalks:
  - H Street and 35<sup>th</sup> Street, H Street and 47<sup>th</sup> Street and J Street and 35<sup>th</sup> Street,
- Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing signs with pedestrian activated flashing LED borders (fluorescent yellow-green) placed adjacent to crosswalks on:
  - H Street and 36<sup>th</sup> Street, H Street and 38<sup>th</sup> Street, H Street and 40<sup>th</sup> Street, H Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street/Mission Way, H Street and 45<sup>th</sup> Street, J Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Street and J Street and 38<sup>th</sup> Street,
- Crosswalk signs with flashing beacons on:
  - H Street in advance of the crosswalk at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street/Mission Way,

- High Visibility Crosswalk on:
  - J Street at 38<sup>th</sup> Street (on the east side of the north intersection) and relocation of the crosswalk on H Street at 38<sup>th</sup> Street (fifty feet to the east),
- Pedestrian Island on H Street at Mission Way on the east side of the intersection,
- “Keep Clear” Legends in the intersections of westbound H Street at San Miguel Way and at San Antonio Way,
- Radar Speed Feedback signs placed on each end of the project area on H Street.
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI's) at the existing signals on 39<sup>th</sup> St at H Street and J Street.

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


The Mercy General Hospital NTMP traffic plan includes the pilot use of pedestrian crossing warning signs, enhanced with LED light on the borders. The LED lights illuminate the perimeter of the signs when the pedestrian push button is activated. These signs are approved in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for use at pedestrian crossings. The effectiveness of this application will be evaluated as part of this pilot study location.

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 Mercy General Hospital NTMP residents, 37.8% were returned with valid votes. Of these, 82.8% (559 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 17.2% (116 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:** As a condition of the Mercy Hospital Expansion Project (Condition R37), \$200,000 was provided by Mercy General Hospital to fund an NTMP project. The estimated cost of Phase I Traffic Calming Plan of the Mercy General Hospital NTMP Project (S15071137) is \$170,000. Funding for this project will come from the Mercy General Hospital NTMP Project (S15071137) (Fund 3702). As of March 12, 2010, the Mercy General Hospital NTMP Project (S15071137) (Fund 3702) has a total budget of \$200,000 and an unobligated balance of \$170,060, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost for the Phase I Traffic Calming Plan of the Mercy General Hospital NTMP Project (S15071137). There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

The approval of this project will support five jobs in the City of Sacramento based upon the model provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of one new job for every \$35,000 in transportation project investment.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:   
for 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 Information:**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996. Mercy General Hospital NTMP is the eleventh neighborhood to participate in Council District 3. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in February 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 Traffic Engineering staff, and presented to neighborhood residents for comment at a community meeting.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**MERCY GENERAL HOSPITAL NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVAL (S15071137)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Mercy General Hospital NTMP Project (S15071137) began in February 2009. The project has followed the NTMP guidelines established by Council resolution. Exhibit A identifies project boundaries.
- C. A Phase 1 Traffic Calming Plan was designed by residents serving on the Traffic Calming Committee and voted on by neighborhood residents with an 82.8% approval rate. Exhibit B (attached) is the ballot.

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

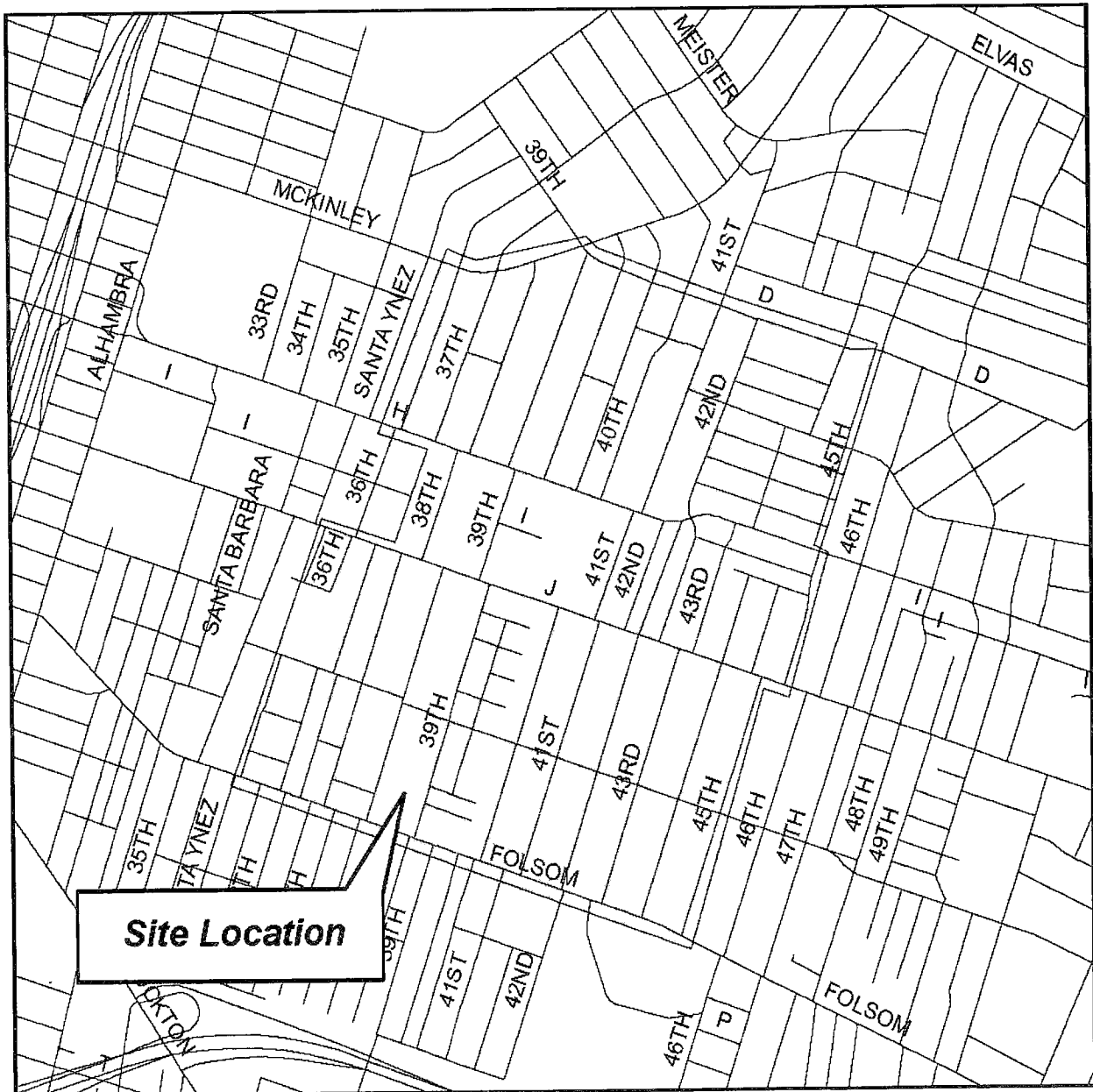
- Section 1. The Mercy General Hospital NTMP Project (S15071137) is approved.
- Section 2. Exhibits A and B are incorporated into and made part of this resolution.

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- Exhibit A: Map of Mercy General Hospital NTMP Neighborhood
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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR  
MERCY GENERAL HOSPITAL NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD  
(S15071137)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi  
Date: March 12, 2010

1 inch = 1,500 feet



## 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](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation)

### Proposed Traffic Calming Plan:

**Pedestrian Crossing Signs** (fluorescent yellow-green) at the following crosswalks:

- H St and 35th St,
- H St and 47th St,
- J St and 35th St.

**Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Signs** with Pedestrian Activated Flashing LED Border placed adjacent to the crosswalks at:

- H St and 36th St,
- H St And 38th St (existing crosswalk will be re-located 50' to the east to address accessibility concerns),
- H St and 40th St,
- H St and Mission Way (signs with flashing beacons will be placed in advance of the crosswalk),
- H St and 45th St,
- J St and 37th St,
- J St and 38th St - This location will include a new high visibility crosswalk on J St at the west intersection with 38th St (east side).

**Pedestrian Island** on H St at Mission Wy on the east side of the intersection.

**Radar Speed Feedback Signs** on H St. A sign will be placed at each end of the project area on H St.

**Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI)** at the existing signals on 39th St at H St and at J St.

**"Keep Clear" Legends** in the intersections of westbound H St at San Miguel Wy and at San Antonio Wy.

It's **easy**  
to vote!



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**Mercy General Hospital NTMP**

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  
**January 29, 2010**

