



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
March 28, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Project Approval: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I Traffic Calming Plan for The Winds Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN55)

Location/Council District: The Winds neighborhood is generally bound by Main Avenue on the north, Crosswind Drive on the east, Windcloud Avenue on the south, and Norwood Avenue on the west. Location map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 2)

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I traffic calming plan for The Winds Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN55).

Contact: Angela Bales, Program Analyst, 808-6738; Kate Binning, Program Specialist, 808-8365

Presenters: None

Department: Department of Transportation

Division: Engineering Services Division

Organization No: 3439

Summary:

The Winds neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in April 2005. The goals suggested by the neighborhood are to reduce speeding on Grace Avenue and Taylor Street and improve right-of-way issues at key locations in the neighborhood. The Phase I plan, developed by The Winds Traffic Calming Committee, is designed to address the goals through the installation of speed humps, speed lumps, stop signs, speed limit legends, bottle dots and signage. The plan was recently approved by a vote of the residents.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996. The Winds neighborhood is the ninth neighborhood to participate in Council District 2. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in April 2005. 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 progress.
- 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 to 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.
- Parking enforcement officers have patrolled the area for parking violations.

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.

Phase I Improvements

The traffic calming plan involves placing physical devices on neighborhood streets. The Phase I plan for The Winds neighborhood includes the installation of speed humps on Crosswind Drive, speed lumps on Grace Avenue and Taylor Street and stop signs at the intersection of Grace Avenue and Seawind Drive making it a 3-way stop. A stop sign will be installed on Poinsettia Court at Grace Avenue and on Windcloud Avenue at Grace Avenue. Two 25 mph speed limit legends will be installed on Tailwind Drive at Taylor Street. Botts dots will be installed in the curve of Crosswind Drive as well as a "curve" warning sign. A "no outlet" sign will be installed on Tidewind Drive at Crosswind Drive. A copy of the ballot, which contains device descriptions and locations, is included as Resolution Exhibit B.

The Winds neighborhood would like to add a Neighborhood Identification Sign that was not voted on as part of the plan. This sign would be installed on Grace Avenue at Norwood Avenue replacing an existing sign made by the neighborhood.

Ballot Results

The NTMP program 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 residents, 35.2% were returned with valid votes cast. Of those, 93.4% (or 71) were in favor of Phase I measures and 6.6% (or 5) 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 estimated cost of the Phase I plan for The Winds Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN55) is \$24,950. Funding for this project will come from The Winds Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN55) (Fund 201). Sufficient funds are available to cover the traffic calming improvements proposed for The Winds Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN55).

Environmental Considerations:

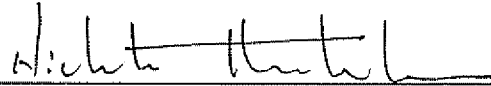
The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed The Winds NTMP project and has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section 15301(c) and Class 11, Section 15311(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempted under Class 1, Section 15301(c), consist of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, 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.


Policy Considerations:

The NTMP is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for achieving sustainability and enhance livability.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

Any goods and services will be procured in accordance with established City policy.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Francesca Lee Halbakken
Interim Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

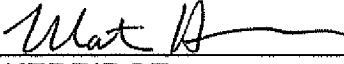

RAY KERRIDGE
for City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (NTMP) PHASE I TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN FOR THE WINDS NEIGHBORHOOD NTMP PROJECT (PN: TN55)

BACKGROUND

- A. In December of 1995, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Winds Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN55) began in April 2005. 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 a 93.4% approval rate. Exhibit B reflects the plan as voted on by the residents.

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

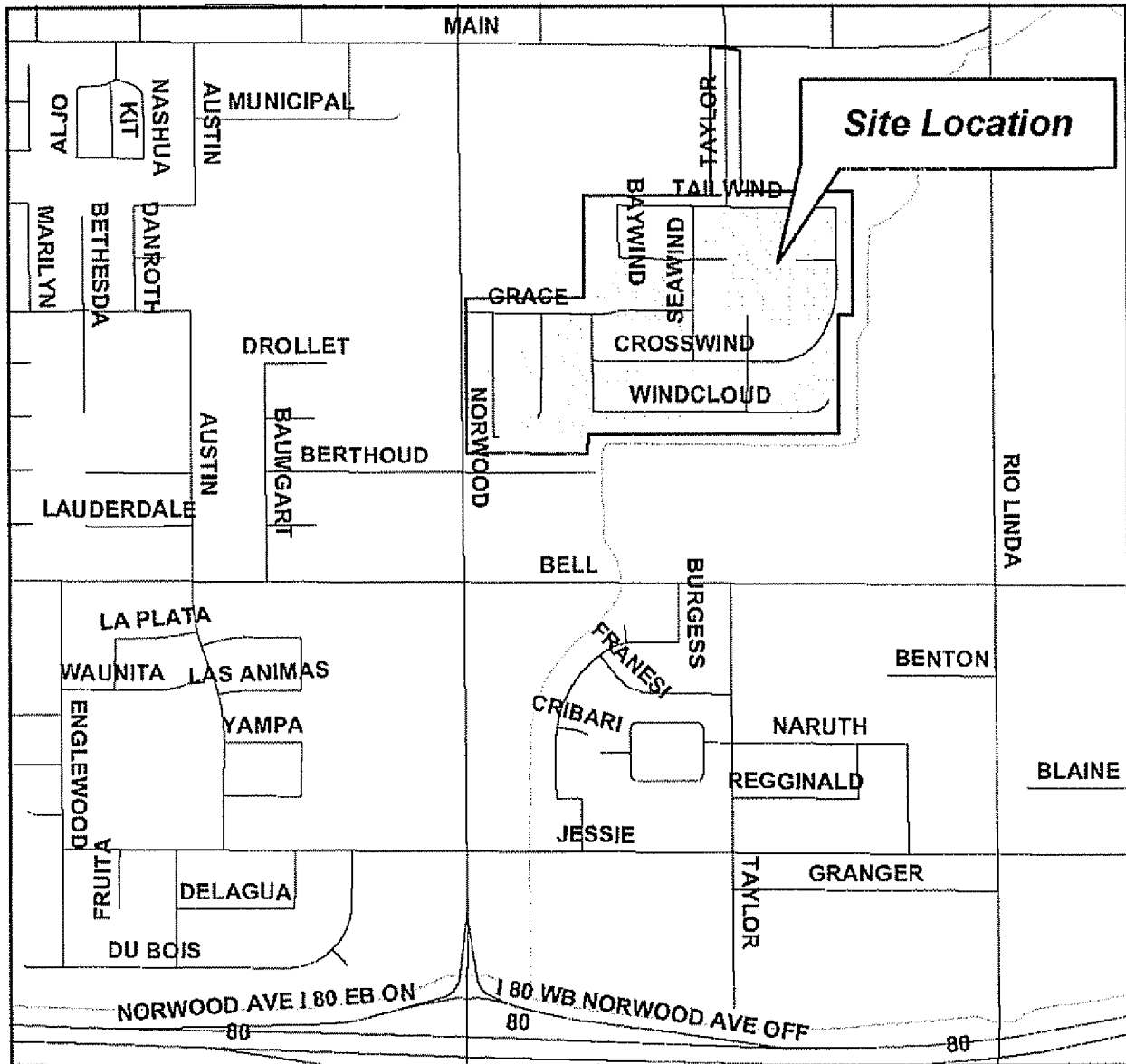
- Section 1: Approve the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I Traffic Calming Plan for The Winds Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN55) that includes the addition of a neighborhood identification sign.

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EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR
THE WINDS NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(PN:TN55)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: February 15, 2006

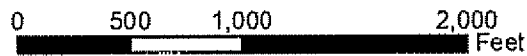


EXHIBIT B

Do you want
traffic calming measures
 in your neighborhood?

You have the opportunity to vote on a traffic calming plan for your neighborhood. This vote is to determine if the measures recommended by the Traffic Calming Committee (TCC), which consists of residents from your neighborhood, will be implemented.

The TCC assisted city staff in developing the plan. Various measures were reviewed and agreed upon by the TCC.

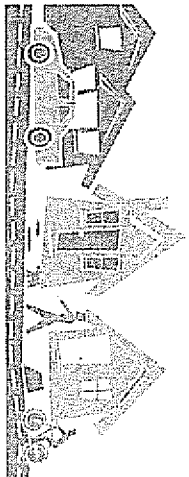
Your Vote Counts!

Every address (residence and business) within your neighborhood has received this notice and ballot. Now is your opportunity to vote for or against the proposed traffic calming measures.

You and your neighbors will decide whether or not the traffic calming measures will be implemented in your neighborhood.

If enough votes are in favor, the plan will be presented to City Council for review, final approval and funding. In order to pass, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned with a simple majority in favor of the plan.

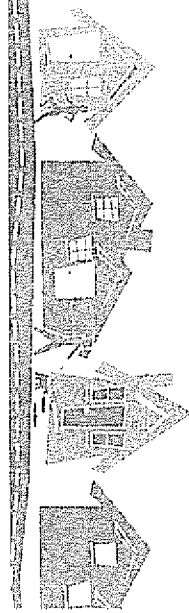
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**Proposed Measures for
 Your Neighborhood**

Below are the recommended measures. If approved, the measures will be constructed at no cost to residents and /or homeowners. You are asked to vote in favor of or against the entire traffic calming plan which includes the following measures:

- ◆ **Speed Humps** - Install speed humps on:
 - ⇒ Crosswind Dr between Windcloud Ave and Crosswind Ct (exact location of humps and lumps will be determined after the vote)
- ◆ **Speed Lumps** - Install speed lumps on:
 - ⇒ Taylor St between Main Ave and Tailwind Dr
 - ⇒ Grace Ave between Norwood Ave and Seawind Dr (speed lumps allow access to buses and emergency vehicles-the fire dept has requested lumps on both of these streets)
- ◆ **Stop Signs** - Install stop signs at:
 - ⇒ Grace Ave and Seawind Dr making it a 3-way stop.
 - ⇒ Poinsettia Ct at Grace Ave (one stop sign)
 - ⇒ Windcloud Ave at Grace Ave (one stop sign)
- ◆ **Curve Arrow warning signs** - Install Curve Arrow warning signs on:
 - ⇒ Crosswind Dr in both northbound and southbound directions (before and after the curve) between Tidewind Dr and Crosswind Ct
- ◆ **No Outlet** - Install a No Outlet sign at the entrance of Tidewind Dr (Court)
- ◆ **Bolts Bolts** (raised reflectors) - Install on:
 - ⇒ centerline in the curve of Crosswind Dr (bolts do help keep a vehicle in its own travel lane.)
- ◆ **Speed Limit Legends** - Install 25 mph legends on EB and WB Tailwind Dr at Taylor St



It's **easy**
 to vote!

Tear off the ballot, cast your vote and drop it in the mail. (postage is paid).
The Winds

908-6735
 CALL
 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Monday - Friday
 Postage is paid by
 City of Sacramento
 Permit No. 10000

One ballot per address.
 My address _____

Yes - I am in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

No - I am not in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

Comments _____

All responses must be postmarked by
January 31, 2006