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Honorable Members in Session:

Subject: 1982-1988 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS A-8, A-57, A-63, H-35(M-696)

Summary

This report lists the findings of the Planning Commission for three new Central City traffic signal projects and a South Natomas parksite project recently approved as part of the 1982-1988 Capital Improvement Program. The Commission concurred with their plan consistency, but is additionally recommending that (1) pedestrian safety improvements for Central City be reevaluated for higher priority, and (2) City Council consider moving up the timing for installation of traffic signals at 26th and J Streets. Staff concurs and feels these recommendations can be incorporated into next year's CIP.

Background

The Planning Commission held a special public hearing on September 30th to resolve issues pertaining to four 1982-1988 CIP projects. Issues and findings are summarized below.

Project A-8: New traffic signals at 26th and W Streets (for 1982-1983) and
Project A-57: New traffic signals at 28th and P Streets (for 1985-1986)

The Central City Plan Citizens' Advisory Committee previously went on record as opposing these improvements "since traffic signals tend to encourage more traffic along the streets where they are placed." The Traffic Engineer, on the other hand, recommended them based on accident history. Although notified, no testimony from the Advisory Committee or other groups was received at the hearing.

Project A-63: New traffic signals at 26th and J Streets (for 1986-1987)

Issues discussed at the hearing for this project were the same as for Projects A-8 and A-57: however, considerable testimony was received from residents and businesses at this intersection and nearby 25th and J Streets. There was general

agreement that increased traffic controls were needed to slow down autos that often reached speeds of 40-45 mph. Also raised, was the concern that many of the area's residents, especially elderly living in the project closer to 25th Street, needed greater assurances of being able to cross over J Street safely. The Commission concluded that the high level of concern merited much quicker signal installation than FY 1986-87, and that pedestrian safety improvements within Central City required closer study.

Project H-35: New 10-acre park site improvements in Natomas Oaks Subdivision (for 1985-86)

When first singled-out for further discussion, the Commission wanted to explore the possibility of relocating the park site north-westerly to maximize accessibility by future Natomas Oaks residents. The Commission concluded that, while the site's present location was less accessible to those residents, Community Services' desire to capitalize on the existing heritage oak grove and explore ways to obtain additional park land in the vicinity merited retention of the existing site.

Planning Commission Vote

The Commission unanimously voted approval of the cited findings and recommendations. (7 ayes, 2 absent)

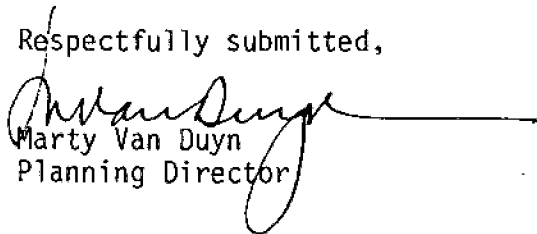
Financial Data

The A-63 project is being recommended for an earlier, yet undefined, time of implementation. If the current 1982-1988 CIP is amended to reflect immediate installation, then an added \$60,000 of street construction tax revenues (if available) would need appropriation. Implementation in a fiscal year between 1983-84 and 1986-87 would probably not represent an appreciable financial difference from the stated projected cost. Pedestrian safety improvements recommended after study have an undetermined financial impact at this point.

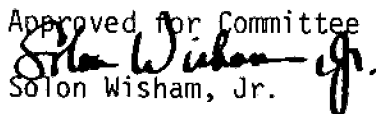
Recommendation

Staff concurs with Planning Commission findings. Traffic Engineering is aware of the need to consider additional pedestrian safety improvements in Central City; and could in the 1983-88 CIP recommend re-prioritizing the 26th and J Streets signals to 1983-84 if appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,


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Approved for Committee Information


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Attachments

For Consideration November 9, 1982