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Honorable Members in Sessions:

**SUBJECT:** NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (NTMP)  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996/97

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide, all Districts.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an annual report back only. No council action is requested.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Bridget Smith, Associate Civil Engineer, 264-8365

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** June 3, 1997

**SUMMARY:**

This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) for fiscal year 1996/97.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) establishes a framework for residents to partner with city staff to address traffic issues in their own neighborhoods. The NTMP meets the City Council's priorities of Neighborhood Revitalization and Enhancement and Public Safety. Public Works established this program not only to respond to neighborhood traffic concerns comprehensively, but

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to also establish a better working relationship with our community. The NTMP brings neighbors and city staff together, working in partnership on neighborhood traffic issues. The response from project area residents has been overwhelmingly positive. Those residents most closely involved with the program have labeled the program "responsive", "educational" and "very informative" (see Appendix A).

Project Development

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program has received support from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through a grant of \$127,000. These funds were earmarked for the development of the program and support materials, and to purchase two radar speed display boards and traffic data collection equipment used as part of this program. Following are project development milestones:

- January 1995 -- The City Council established the NTMP, funded by transportation sales tax and gas tax funds.
- April - August 1995 -- Public workshops were held to develop the NTMP, a community-based program tailored to the needs of our community.
- December 1995 -- The City Council adopted the resulting program guidelines and authorized three full time staff for the program.
- May 1996 -- At the request of residents, the NTMP kicked off with a publicly-held lottery. The lottery determined the order in which the initial 31 neighborhoods interested in the program would be selected for participation. Projects were ranked by council district in the order drawn. (See Appendix B.)
- Since May 1996, eight additional neighborhoods have submitted requests to participate in the program (see Appendix B). These projects are ranked in the order received, behind those neighborhoods involved in the lottery.

1996/97 Activities and Accomplishments

- Eight neighborhoods were involved in the NTMP during this initial year, one from each council district (see Appendix B). Projects selected for this fiscal year range in size from 35 to 1150 addresses.

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- Each project is kicked-off with a neighborhood-wide orientation meeting. More than 185 residents attended an orientation meeting during 1996/97. At this meeting, residents are asked to volunteer to serve on a traffic calming committee (TCC) specifically for their neighborhood.
- Public Works is currently working with 63 residents who comprise the eight separate traffic calming committees organized this fiscal year. These residents serve as liaisons between the neighborhood and city staff. Each active TCC meets monthly with Public Works, working directly with city staff on developing and carrying out a plan to reduce neighborhood traffic impacts.
- To ensure that the entire neighborhood is up to date with the progress of the project, Public Works produces project newsletters to keep all residents informed. More than 3100 households received project newsletters in 1996/97. Public Works also surveys all neighborhood residents at the start of the project, to ensure that the TCC hears everyone's traffic concerns.
- The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program is split into two phases. As of May 1997, four NTMP projects (council districts 2, 3, 5, and 8) have developed and begun implementation of their Phase I traffic calming plans. The remaining NTMP projects are in various stages of developing their traffic calming plans.

1997/98 Activities

Public Works' goal is to involve eight new neighborhoods in the program each fiscal year. Appendix B contains a list of projects scheduled for kick off in fiscal year 1997/98.

Projects initiated in 1996/97 will continue into fiscal year 1997/98. Projects from council districts 1, 4, 6, and 7 are expected to implement their phase I traffic calming plans in fiscal year 1997/98. If phase I is not adequate to address their traffic concerns, projects in council districts 2, 3, 5, and 8 may proceed into phase II during this next fiscal year.

Public Works staff is developing a Neighborhood Traffic Class to educate residents about transportation issues and how city staff responds to their concerns. This class should be available during fiscal year 1997/98. It will be a six-hour class held a few times a year on Saturdays. All TCC members will be invited to participate, as well as

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other concerned residents.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Not applicable to this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This program meets the Council's priorities of Neighborhood Revitalization and Enhancement and Public Safety.

**MBE/WBE:** Not applicable to this report.

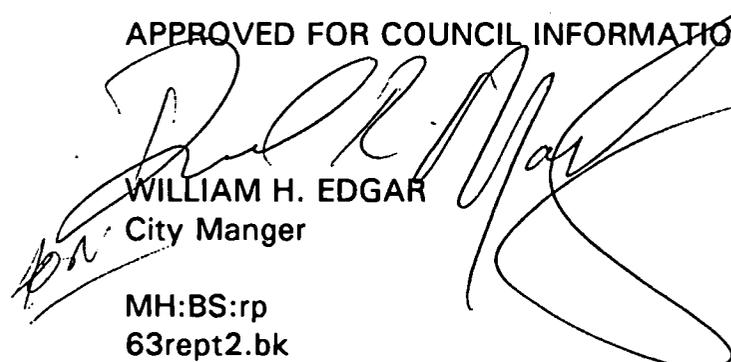
Respectfully submitted,



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**APPROVED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION:**

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Attachments

Appendix A  
TCC Comments

Name	District	Comment
<i>Regarding the neighborhood-wide NTMP Orientation Meeting:</i>		
John Simmons	8	"Interesting and held the attention of all in attendance. Allowed participation, and question and answer period."
Barbara Graichen	1	"Overall, very nice -- good for the uninformed, but poor for the activist. Bridget (staff) seems interested in hearing everyone's concerns."
Ronald Belke	1	"Some residents feel we should act immediately, however I feel we should proceed at a pace where all options are reviewed and then voted on."
Marilyn Brown	5	"Clear and precise. I especially liked the way the meeting was kept on track when some residents got into different areas of discussions."
<i>Comments on NTMP Newsletter and the traffic survey included with first newsletter:</i>		
Margaret Hocker	5	"Bridget Smith (staff) has kept the members of the TCC very informed of all future improvements. It has been a job well done. The survey was explicit. Addressed all legitimate concerns. The downside was the low number of responses returned."
Helen Freeny	8	"Provided information on thoughts about our area."
<i>Comments on TCC experience working with city staff:</i>		
Helen Freeny	8	"I feel they (staff) are trying to work with the neighborhood in accomplishing our goals."
Brenda Flores	1	"It appears that there is a real effort to assist citizens in taking charge of their neighborhoods."
John Simmons	8	"City staff appears to be interested in doing their fair share to help our community. Offered to go the extra mile in helping."

Appendix A (Cont'd)  
TCC Comments

<i>Comments on the presentation of collected traffic data and support material:</i>		
Amy Harris	2	"Our meetings have been very good and Bridget Smith (project manager) always has pamphlets and flyers ready -- very good!
<i>Comments on what city staff could have done to enrich TCC experience:</i>		
John Simmons	8	"In my opinion, city staff has been excellent and that has richly improved my awareness."
Barbara Burns	3	"Doing what needs to be done."
<i>Response to: "Do you feel the experience of serving on the TCC has given you a better understanding of how and why the city responds to its traffic needs the way it does?"</i>		
Elaine Williams	5	"Yes, it does. I didn't have any idea why it's taken so long for a stop sign or light to be put up. Now I understand the procedure."
Faye Andrews	2	"Yes. I didn't realize all the different agencies that have to agree to change -- the Fire Department, Police, etc."
<i>Comments regarding the benefits of participating on the traffic calming committee:</i>		
James Lewis	3	"Gaining a better understanding of the way the city responds to our traffic needs."
Stella Duncan	8	"The knowledge that I have received . . . which I can then pass on to my neighbors."
Margaret Hocker	5	"Bridget Smith (staff) has been very diligent in helping our neighborhood improve the quality of life. I enjoyed learning about all the work that goes into a project such as this. Thank you!"

Appendix B  
 NTMP Projects

Public Works' goal is to involve eight new neighborhoods in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program each fiscal year (one from each council district). The current list of projects awaiting the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program are shown below. Projects shown in bold have been initiated during fiscal year 1996/97. Projects shown in italics submitted requests for involvement after the May 1996 lottery deadline.

Rank	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4
1	<b>Valley View Acres/ Valema Farms</b>	<b>Altos Avenue South</b>	<b>Swanston Estates South</b>	<b>Swanston Palms</b>
2	Chaparral	Linda Woods	Fremont Park East	Little Pocket
3	Ishi Circle	Mama Marks	McKinley Park	<i>South Land Park Terrace</i>
4	Gardenland	Woodlake		<i>South Land Park Estates</i>
5	Rockhampton	Richardson Village		
6		<i>Lindley</i>		

Appendix B (Cont'd)  
 NTMP Projects

Rank	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6	DISTRICT 7	DISTRICT 8
1	East Central Oak Park	Lemontree Meadows <sup>1</sup>	North of Valley Hi Park	Freeport Manor
2	Lawrence Park	Colonial Village	Summer Rim Circle	Middlecoff
3	Hollywood Park	Tallac Village South	South of Valley Hi Park	Barbee Way
4	Carleton Tract	<i>Northeast Tahoe Park</i>		Cabrillo Park
5	Sacramento H.S.			Olive Orchard Estates
6	<i>Elmhurst</i>			<i>Fullerton</i>
7	<i>Kathleen Tract</i>			
8	<i>Gould</i>			

Beginning with each fiscal year, projects are staggered to manage the workload. Projects are initiated in the order determined by the May 1996 lottery. For fiscal year 1997/1998, projects will be kicked off in the following order:

1. Linda Woods
2. Lawrence Park
3. Chaparral
4. Summer Rim Circle
5. Middlecoff
6. Little Pocket
7. Tallac Village South
8. McKinley Park

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<sup>1</sup>Project Abandoned due to lack of community interest.