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City Council
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**SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PHASE II
APPROVAL FOR SWANSTON PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

The Swanston Palms neighborhood is bound by Vallejo Way on the north, Riverside Boulevard on the east, 4th Avenue on the south and 5th Street on the west in Council District 4 (see Attachment A map).

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase II traffic calming measures for Swanston Palms.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: September 21, 1999

SUMMARY:

The Swanston Palms neighborhood has been a participant in the NTMP since 1997. The goal of the neighborhood was to reduce speeding to below 30 miles per hour on certain streets within the area. This goal was partially achieved with Phase I improvements (signage and striping) which were installed in 1997. Resident responses to a survey conducted showed that the phase I traffic-calming measures helped to make the neighborhood safer; however, more restrictive measures are needed to further reduce traffic concerns. The Phase II plan, developed by the Traffic Calming Committee (TCC), includes stop signs, pedestrian islands, parking lane striping and tree wells down the center of Vallejo Way. The plan was recently approved by a vote of the residents.

This report gives details of the phase II plan, ballot results and funding to complete the improvements.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program was adopted by City Council in December 1995 and officially began in May 1996 with a lottery to determine the order of neighborhood participation. Swanston Palms was the first neighborhood selected for Council District 4 in that lottery. The kickoff meeting for the neighborhood was in February 1997. Since that time, the following has been accomplished using the three "E's" of this program.

Education

- Newsletters have been sent to residents to inform them of the progress of the NTMP.
- There have been surveys conducted for resident input on traffic concerns.
- The radar speed board has been deployed to the area for a few days each month to educate drivers of their speed.

Enforcement

- Police officers from the traffic division (as NTMP partners) have patrolled the area upon request to look for traffic violations.
- Parking enforcement officers, also as NTMP partners, have patrolled the area for parking violations.

Engineering

- Traffic-calming devices have been designed, reviewed, investigated and installed as part of phase I for increased visibility and awareness.
- Phase I devices included: 4 stop signs, 2 speed limit signs and legends and truck restriction signs.

A resident survey conducted in 1998 revealed that the phase I measures helped to make the neighborhood safer. However, residents indicated that more restrictive devices were needed to further reduce their traffic concerns. Speed surveys conducted after phase I improvements were installed, indicated that traffic speeds were lowered; however, some streets were still experiencing traffic speeds at 30+ miles per hour. The TCC reviewed the survey results and comments received to develop a phase II plan.

Phase II Improvements

The second phase of the traffic-calming plan involves placing more restrictive physical devices on neighborhood streets. The phase II plan, including proposed devices and cost estimates, is shown on Attachment B. The plan includes the placement of seven trees in tree wells down the center of Vallejo Way. They will be designed using temporary measures (trees in pots) first and monitored for their effectiveness. The results of the monitoring will be presented to the residents who will then be asked to

vote one last time on whether the temporary devices should be replaced with permanent ones (trees planted in wells) or removed. The curbs along the sidewalks opposite the tree wells will have a no parking restriction of approximately one car length.

Ballot Results

The NTMP program requires residents to vote on phase II measures because of their restrictive nature. 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 235 ballots mailed to residents, 46% (or 106) were returned with votes cast. Of the valid ballots returned, 76% (or 81) were in favor of phase II measures and 24% (or 23) were opposed. Therefore, the minimum requirement for returned ballots was met and the majority of votes cast were in favor of the phase II plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Gas Tax and Transportation Sales Tax provide funding for the NTMP program. When the NTMP program was adopted, it was anticipated that each neighborhood would be allocated \$25,000 for traffic calming measures. While \$25,000 will cover expenses in some neighborhoods, it is not sufficient to cover the expense of the comprehensive plan for Swanston Palms. The estimated cost of the phase II plan for Swanston Palms is \$42,595 as shown on Attachment B. This estimate includes the cost for the temporary and permanent placement of trees on Vallejo Way.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) #TS34 has already been established for projects in District 4. The current balance of TS34 is \$99,094. This would not only cover the cost for the Swanston Palms project, but would also leave a balance for the next neighborhood in District 4, Little Pocket. Additional funding for District 4 projects would not be needed until FY 2000/01.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The project has been determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under Section 15301(c). The project involves the operation and minor alteration of existing public streets involving no expansion of use from that existing. The project includes construction and implementation of traffic control devices within existing rights-of-way and will not result in substantial diversion of traffic flows or generation of new traffic.

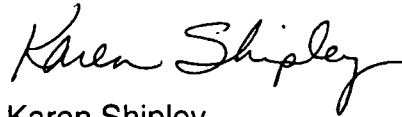
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

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

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

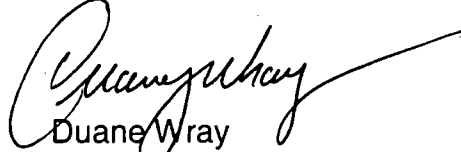
Any goods and services will be procured in accordance with established City policy.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Services Officer

Approved by:



Duane Wray
Manager, Technical Services

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

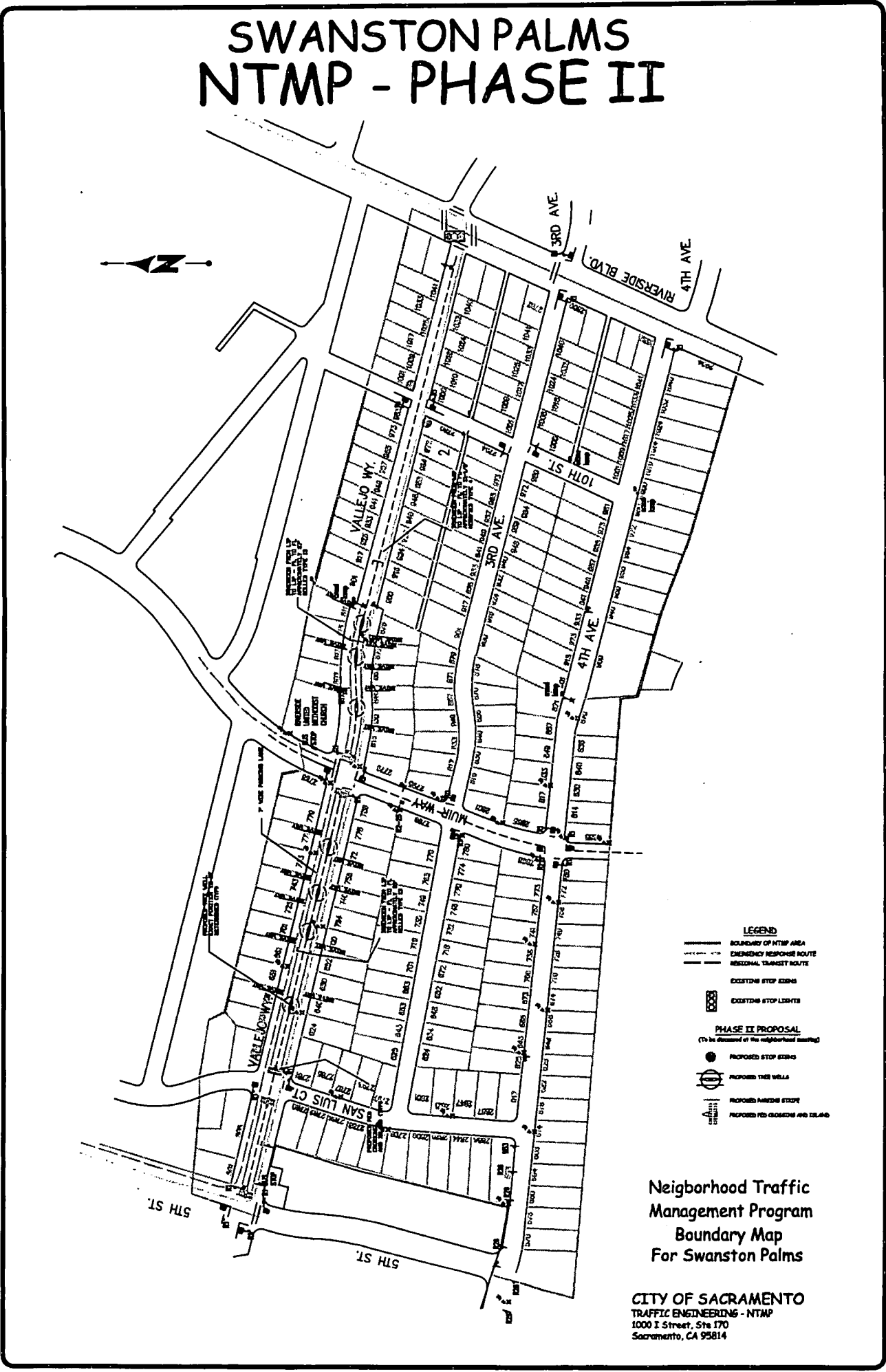
Approved by:



Michael Kashiwagi
Director of Public Works

Attachments
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SWANSTON PALMS NTMP - PHASE II



- LEGEND**
- BOUNDARY OF NTMP AREA
 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE ROUTE
 - REGIONAL TRAVEL ROUTE
 - CUSTOM STOP SIGNS
 - CUSTOM STOP LIGHTS
- PHASE II PROPOSAL**
(To be discussed at the neighborhood meeting)
- PROPOSED STOP SIGNS
 - PROPOSED TREE WELLS
 - PROPOSED PARKING STOP
 - PROPOSED RED CROSSING AND ISLAND

Neighborhood Traffic
Management Program
Boundary Map
For Swanston Palms

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SWANSTON PALMS PHASE II MEASURES AND BUDGET

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Device/Location</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
7	Tree Wells with Trees Installed on: Vallejo Way between San Luis Ct. and just east of Muir Wy	\$16,100
	Tree watering for 3 years (May 1 to Sept. 30)	3,300
	Temporary circles	3,500
2,450 ft.	Parking lane striping	1,000
2	Stop signs Installed on: Vallejo Way at 10 th Street (all-way stop)	400
5	Pedestrian Islands Installed on: Vallejo Way at 5 th Street, San Luis Ct. and Muir Way	15,000
4	Neighborhood identification signs Installed at entrance points to the neighborhood	<u>600</u>
		\$39,900
	Consultant for Transportation Review	700
	Contingency at 5%	<u>1,995</u>
	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	\$42,595

RESOLUTION NO. 99-531

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING PHASE II TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR SWANSTON PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Phase II traffic calming plan is hereby approved for the Swanston Palms neighborhood.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____7_____