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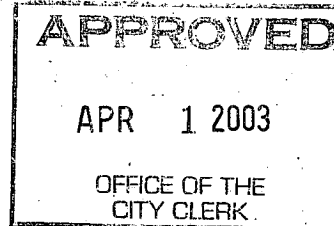
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



SUBJECT: HOWE AVENUE & FAIR OAKS BOULEVARD - AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD UP TO \$100,000 FROM STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE INSTALLATION OF SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN THE FUNDS, ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Howe Avenue & Fair Oaks Boulevard, Council District 3 (see map – Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council:

- Approve the attached resolution accepting a grant award up to \$100,000 from the State Farm Insurance Company for reimbursement of the installation of safety improvements at the intersection of Howe Avenue & Fair Oaks Boulevard.
- Approve the attached resolution, which designates the Deputy City Manager or his designee to execute any remaining documents required to obtain the grant funds.
- Establish the Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard Safety Improvements (PN: SQ16) as a new Capital Improvement Project.
- Appropriate \$100,000 in grant funds (Fund 248) to the Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard Safety Improvement Project (PN: SQ16).

CONTACT PERSON: David Edrosolan, Associate Engineer, 808-5974

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 1, 2003

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SUMMARY:

State Farm Insurance Company made available to governmental entities up to \$100,000 for engineering countermeasures that will improve intersections that have high crash and injury risk. State Farm has granted the City reimbursement for up to \$100,000 for safety improvements to the intersection of Howe Avenue & Fair Oaks Boulevard. This report requests that the City Council accept this grant and designate the Deputy City Manager or his Designee to execute all necessary documents to obtain the grant funds, establish the Capital Improvement Project and appropriate funds.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In June 2001, State Farm compiled a list of the "Ten most dangerous intersections in the US." This list included the intersection of Howe Avenue & Fair Oaks Boulevard. Although we believe their study was fundamentally flawed, State Farm provided the City with \$20,000 to do a safety assessment performed by an independent consulting firm. In June 2002, the independent consulting firm of Hamilton Associates completed its safety assessment of the intersection. Some of the countermeasures that were recommended in the safety study are the following:

- Review signal coordination along Howe Avenue;
- Upgrade signal visibility;
- Increase all-red clearance interval for the southbound left-turn phase; and
- Provide incident management plan with the installation of closed-circuit television cameras.

As part of this safety enhancement program, State Farm makes available up to \$100,000 for engineering countermeasures that will improve intersections that have high crash and injury risk identified in the safety assessment study. Staff subsequently applied for grant reimbursement in December 2002. State Farm has notified the City that we have been awarded a grant reimbursement up to an amount of \$100,000 to install countermeasures proposed in the safety assessment. Staff recommends that the City Council accept this grant award and designate the Deputy City Manager or his designee to execute any remaining documents to obtain the funds.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Public Works will implement the recommended countermeasures (with exception of the anti-skid treatment) for a total project cost not to exceed \$100,000. State Farm will release the grant funds upon certification by a professional engineer (City of Sacramento Engineer) that the improvements to the intersection have been completed. No additional funds are being requested.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the authorization to accept grant funds is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15061(b)(3) consists of an activity covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Furthermore, the intersection improvement projects are exempt from CEQA under Section Numbers 15301(b) and 15302(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15301(b) consists of existing public structures or facilities and Exemption 15302(c) consists of replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

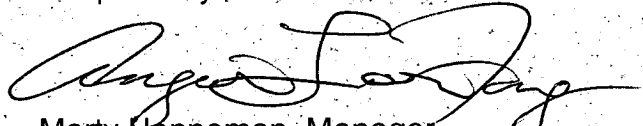
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed actions support the City Strategic Plan goal of improving and diversifying the transportation system and are consistent with the City Council's policies obtaining grant funding.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

Any goods or services will be procured with established City policy.

Respectfully submitted,


for Marty Hanneman, Manager
Traffic Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

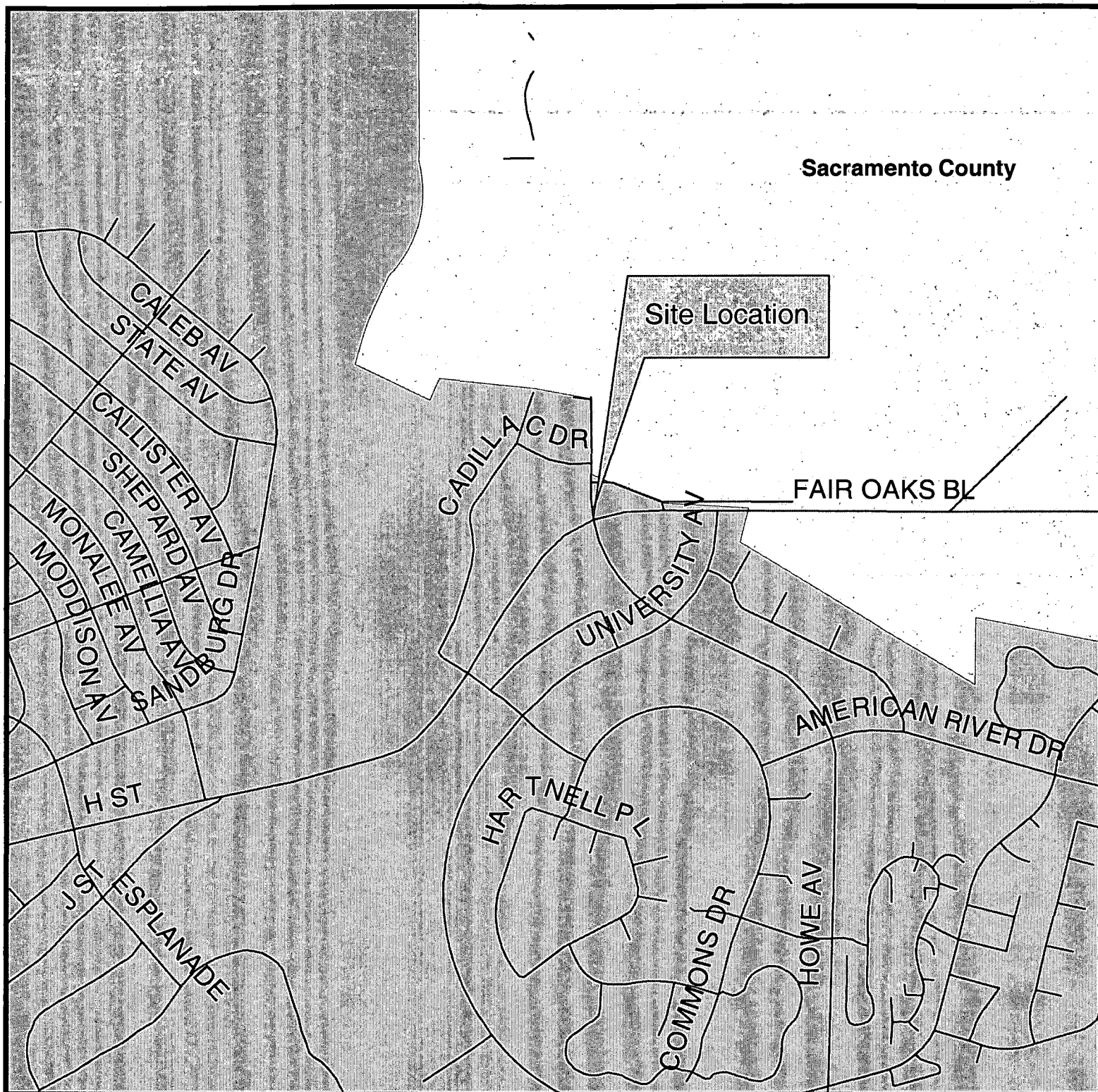
Approved:


Thomas V. Lee
Deputy City Manager

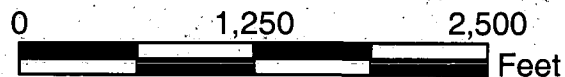
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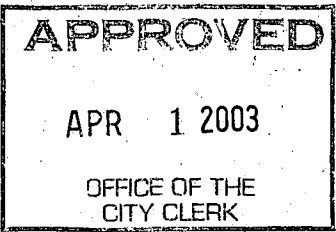
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Howe Ave & Fair Oaks



Map Contact: Marc Lee
Date: March 11, 2003





RESOLUTION NO. 2003-147

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM STATE FARM,
AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO
EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN THE FUNDS, ESTABLISHING
A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

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

- 1) The City of Sacramento accepts a grant up to an amount of \$100,000 from State Farm Insurance Company for the reimbursement of the installation of safety improvements at the intersection of Howe Avenue & Fair Oaks Boulevard.
- 2) The Deputy City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Sacramento all necessary documents to implement and carry out the purpose of this resolution.
- 3) The Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard Safety Improvements Project (PN: SQ16) be established as a new Capital Improvement Project
- 4) The capital grant revenue and expenditure budget for the Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard Safety Improvement Project (PN: SQ16) be increased in the amount of \$100,000 to reflect grant funds from State Farm Insurance Company and budget adjustments as follows:

Howe Ave and Fair Oaks Blvd Safety Improvements	248-500-SQ16-3512	\$100,000
Howe Ave and Fair Oaks Blvd Safety Improvements	248-500-SQ16-4820	\$100,000

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____