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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, PHASE I - APPROVAL OF EAST DEL PASO HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT (PN: TN49)**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

The East Del Paso Heights neighborhood is generally bound by North Avenue on the north, Cameron Road/Ripley Street on the east, Verano Street/South Avenue on the south and Marysville Boulevard on the west. Council District 2 and 3 (see map - Attachment A).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Phase I traffic calming plan for the East Del Paso Heights Neighborhood Project (PN: TN49).

**CONTACT PERSONS: Angela Bales, Program Analyst, 808-6738  
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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** March 29, 2005

**SUMMARY:**

The East Del Paso Heights neighborhood has been a participant in the NTMP since the kick-off community meeting held in February 2004. The goals of the neighborhood are to reduce speeding, reckless driving, collisions, and cut-through traffic and improve safety in the neighborhood. The Phase I plan, developed by the East Del Paso Heights Traffic Calming Committee, is designed to address the goals through the installation of speed humps, speed tables, speed limit legends, stop signs, parking brackets, a warning sign and neighborhood identification signs. The plan was recently approved by a vote of the residents. This report gives details of the Phase I plan, ballot results, and cost estimate.



**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. The East Del Paso Heights neighborhood is the ninth neighborhood to participate in Council District 2. A small portion of this neighborhood is in Council District 3. The kickoff meeting for the neighborhood was in February 2004. Since that time, the following has been accomplished using the three "E's" (Education, Enforcement, Engineering) of this program.

Education

- Newsletters and flyers have been 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 has been 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 East Del Paso Heights neighborhood includes entry islands, speed humps, speed tables, speed limit legends, stop signs, parking brackets, a warning sign and neighborhood identification signs. The actual location for placement of the speed humps and speed tables will be determined upon council approval and will take into consideration driveways and street characteristics.

Ballot Results

The NTMP program requires residents to vote on Phase I 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 ballots mailed to residents, 35.4% (or 353) were returned with valid votes cast. Of those, 87.3% (or 308) were in favor of Phase I measures and 12.7% (or 45) 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:**

When the NTMP program was adopted, it was anticipated that each neighborhood would be allocated \$25,000 for traffic calming measures. The estimated cost of the Phase I plan for the East Del Paso Heights neighborhood is \$26,725. As of January 12, 2005, the East Del Paso Heights project (PN: TN49) has an unobligated balance of \$26,725, which is sufficient to cover the traffic calming improvements in the East Del Paso Heights neighborhood.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the East Del Paso Heights 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.

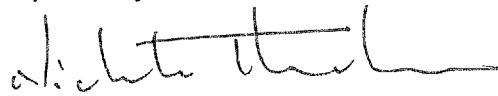
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The NTMP is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for enhancing and preserving neighborhoods.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



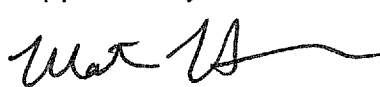
Nicholas Theocharides  
Engineering Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

Approved by:

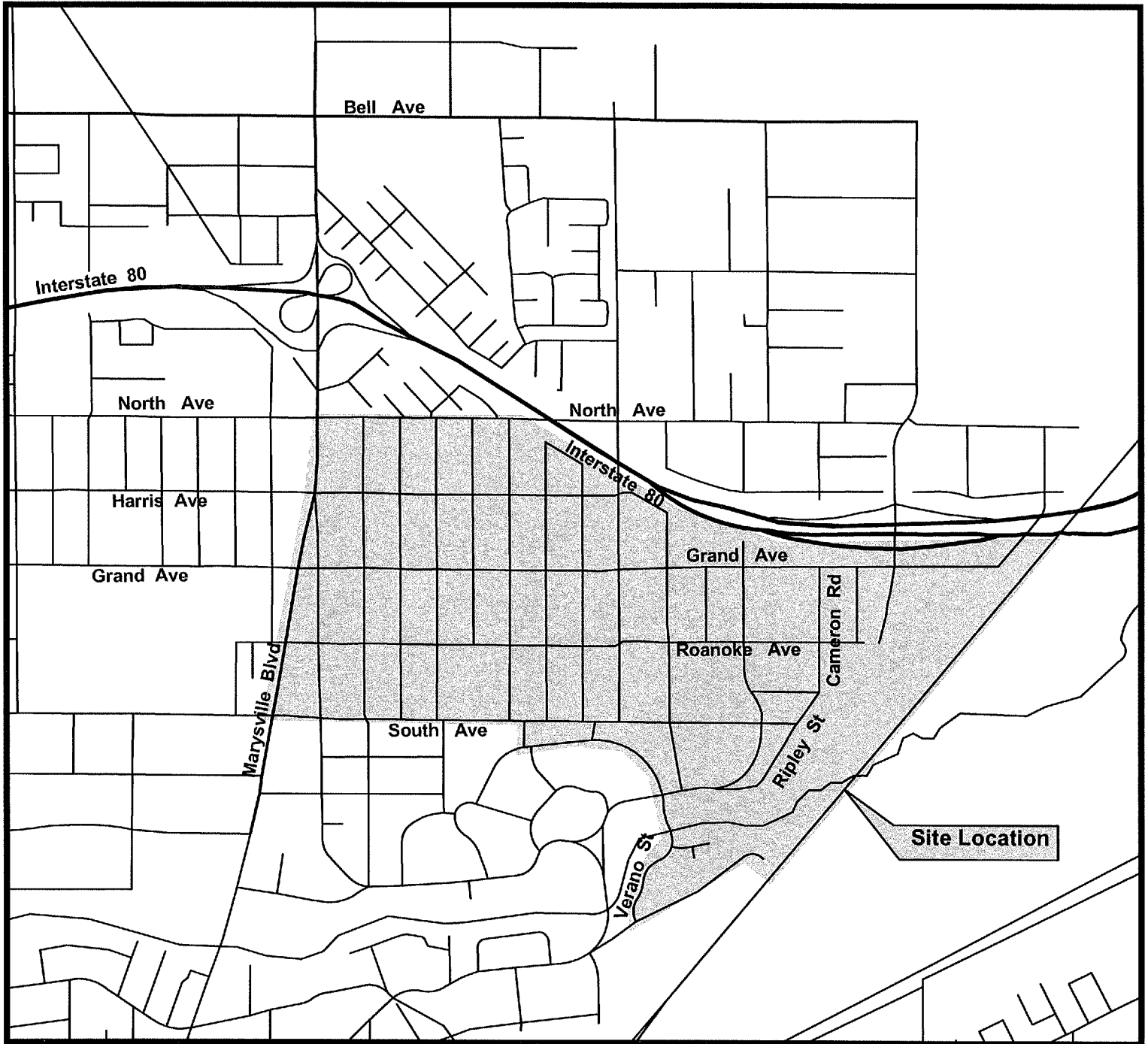


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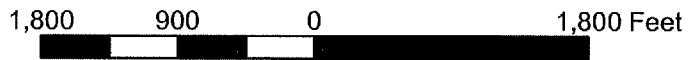
- 1) Attachment A, Map of East Del Paso Heights neighborhood – pg.4
- 2) Resolution approving Phase I Traffic Calming Measures – pg.5

# E. Del Paso Hts. NTMP Neighborhood (PN:TN49)



Map Contact: Kulwinder Chahal

Date: January 19, 2005



**RESOLUTION NO.**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, PHASE I - APPROVAL OF EAST DEL PASO HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT (PN: TN49)**

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

- The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Phase I traffic calming plan is hereby approved for the East Del Paso Heights neighborhood project (PN: TN49).

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_