

REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
June 12, 2007

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Meadowview Phase 1 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project
Approval (PN: TN60)

Location/Council District: The Meadowview Phase 1 Neighborhood is generally bound by Meadowview Road on the north, Manorside Way on the east, Richfield Way and Cavalier Way on the south and Amherst Street on the west. Location Map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 8)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Meadowview Phase 1 NTMP Project (PN: TN60).

Contact: Debb Newton, Program Analyst, 808-6739; Angie Louie, Senior Engineer, 808-7921

Presenters: None

Department: Department of Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3439

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Meadowview Phase 1 Neighborhood has been a participant in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) since the kick-off community meeting held in March 2006. The goals of the Meadowview Phase 1 NTMP are to reduce speeding throughout the neighborhood and increase safety on Amherst Street and at key intersections, while enhancing the safety of pedestrians in the neighborhood.

Policy Considerations: The NTMP is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for improving public safety and achieving sustainability and livability.

Environmental Considerations: The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the Meadowview Phase 1 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, 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.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Phase I Traffic Calming Plan, developed by the Meadowview Phase 1 Traffic Calming Committee, addresses speeding and safety concerns at key locations throughout the neighborhood with the installation of speed lumps, stop signs and striping. The plan was recently approved by a vote of residents.

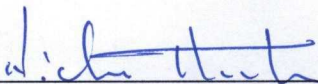
Phase I Improvements: The traffic calming plan involves placing physical devices on neighborhood streets. The Phase I plan for the Meadowview Phase 1 neighborhood includes the installation of speed lumps, centerline striping, stop signs and a crosswalk on Amherst Street, as well as speed lumps on Anoka Avenue, Ferran Avenue, John Still Drive and 19th Street. Stop signs will be installed at the intersection of Lytle Street and 71st Avenue and speed pavement legends and neighborhood signs will be placed at the two key entrances to the neighborhood on Amherst Street and 19th Street. A copy of the ballot, which includes device locations, is included in the Resolution, Exhibit B.

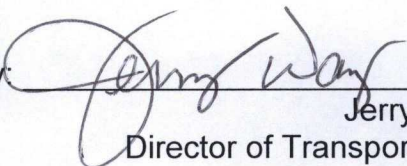
Ballot Results: The NTMP requires residents to vote on Phase I measures. In order to have a successful ballot, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned. A majority vote (50%, plus 1) determines the ballot results. Of the ballots mailed to Meadowview Phase 1 residents, 25% were returned with valid votes casted. Of these, 93.8% (240 votes) were in favor of the Phase I measures and 6.2% (16 votes) 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.

Near the close of the ballot process, several residents requested that the traffic calming plan include speed lumps on Monarch Avenue. The street met all qualifications for installation of the devices and a separate ballot was mailed out to residents on Monarch Avenue only to receive their input. The return rate on the ballots was 29% and all were in favor of including the speed lumps in the traffic calming plan.

Financial Considerations: The estimated cost of the Phase I plan for the Meadowview Phase 1 NTMP Project (PN: TN60) is \$35,400. Funding for this project will come from two sources: \$24,600 from the Meadowview Phase 1 Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN60) (Fund 201) and \$10,800 from the Speed Hump Program (PN: SH89) (Fund 201). As of May 22, 2007, the Meadowview Phase 1 NTMP Project (PN: TN60) has a total budget of \$25,000 and an unobligated balance of \$24,924 and the Speed Hump Program (PN: SH89) (Fund 201) has an unobligated budget of \$151,678, which is sufficient to cover the estimated cost for Phase I of the Meadowview Phase 1 NTMP Project.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Any goods and services will be procured in accordance with established City policy.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background Information:**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council in December 1995, and officially began in May 1996. Meadowview Phase 1 is the twelfth neighborhood to participate in Council District 8. The kick-off community meeting for the neighborhood was held in March 2006. Since that time, the following has been accomplished using the three "E's" (Education, Enforcement, Engineering) of this program:

Education

- Newsletters and flyers were sent to residents to inform them of the NTMP process.
- A survey of traffic issues was mailed to each residence for input on traffic concerns and comments for solutions.
- The radar speed board was 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 and school parents were informed through flyers about various traffic and parking laws.
- Police traffic enforcement was conducted to address speeding, stop sign violations and driver behavior around the neighborhood schools.
- 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.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**Meadowview Phase 1 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
Project Approval (PN: TN60)**

BACKGROUND

- A. In December, 1995, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was adopted by City Council and officially began in May 1996.
- B. The Meadowview Phase 1 Neighborhood NTMP Project (PN: TN60) began in March 2006. The project has followed the NTMP guidelines established by Council resolution. Exhibit A identifies project boundaries.
- C. A traffic calming plan has been designed by residents serving on the Traffic Calming Committee and voted on by neighborhood residents with a 93.8% approval rate. Exhibit B (attached) is the ballot.
- D. At the close of the ballot process, residents on Monarch Avenue asked that their street be included in the traffic calming plan for speed lumps. A supplemental ballot was sent out and voted on by Monarch Avenue residents with a 100% approval rating.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Approve the Meadowview Phase 1 NTMP Project (PN: TN60)

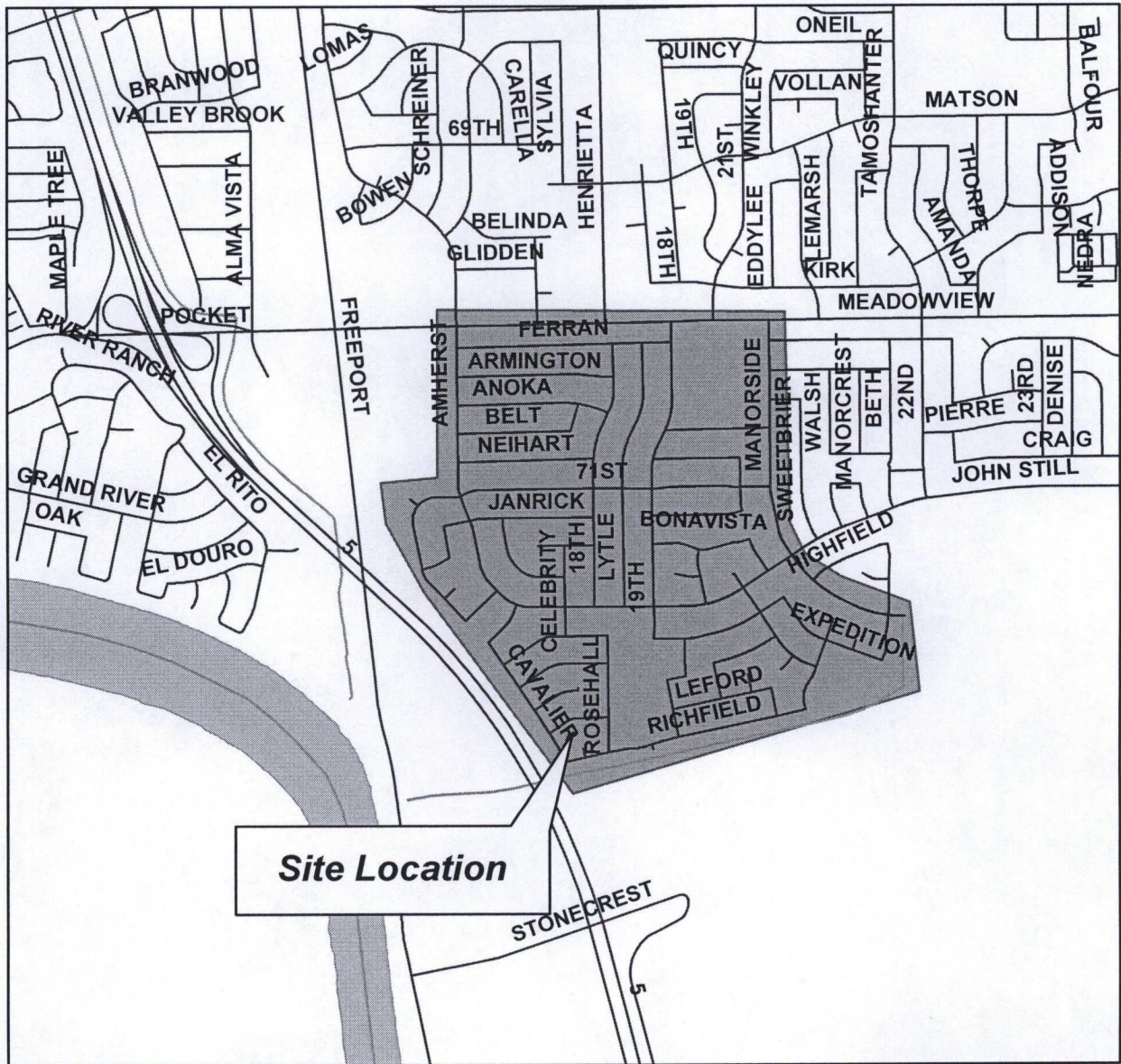
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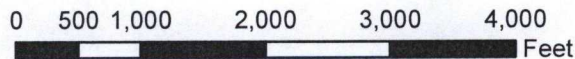
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EXHIBIT A

Location map for
MEADOWVIEW PHASE I NTMP NEIGHBORHOOD
(PN:TN60)



Map Contact: Pedro Sanchez
Date: May 10, 2007



Do you want traffic calming measures in your neighborhood?

You have the opportunity to vote on a traffic calming plan for your neighborhood. This vote is to determine if the measures recommended by the Traffic Calming Committee (TCC), which consists of residents from your neighborhood, will be implemented.

The TCC assisted city staff in developing the plan. Various measures were reviewed and agreed upon by the TCC.

Your Vote Counts!

Every address (residence and business) within your neighborhood has received this notice and ballot. Now is your opportunity to vote for or against the proposed traffic calming measures.

You and your neighbors will decide whether or not the traffic calming measures will be implemented in your neighborhood.

If enough votes are in favor, the plan will be presented to City Council for review, final approval and funding. In order to pass, a minimum of 25% of all ballots must be returned with a simple majority in favor of the plan.

For more information call

(916) 808-8300

www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation

Proposed Measures for Your Neighborhood

Below are the recommended measures. If approved, the measures will be constructed at no cost to residents and /or homeowners. You are asked to vote in favor of or against the entire traffic calming plan which includes the following measures:

- Speed Lumps** -
 - Install on Amherst St between: Janrick Av & 19th St (3 lumps), 19th St & Manorside Dr (3 lumps),
 - Install on Ferran Av between Amherst St & 18th St (2 lumps),
 - Install on Anoka Av between Amherst St & 18th St (2 lumps),
 - Install on 19th St between 71st Av & Amherst St (2 lumps),
- Centerline Treatment** - Install on:
 - Amherst St between Janrick Av and Celebrity St
- Stop Signs** - Install on:
 - Amherst St at Reenel Way/71st Av to create a 4-way stop,
 - Install on Lytle St at 71st Av to assign right-of-way
- Crosswalk** - Install on the north side of the intersection of Amherst St and Reenel Way/71st Av
- 25 Pavement Legends** - Install on:
 - Amherst St, south of Meadowview Rd
 - 19th St, south of Meadowview Rd
- Neighborhood Signs**, which remind drivers to "Drive Safely" in Meadowview. Install signs on:
 - Amherst St, south of Meadowview Rd
 - 19th St, south of Meadowview Rd



It's easy

to vote!

Tear off the ballot, cast your vote and drop it in the mail. (postage is paid).
Meadowview Phase 1

One ballot per address.

My address

Yes - I am in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

No - I am not in favor of the measures indicated on this ballot.

Comments

All responses must be postmarked by

March 30, 2007

