

On December 13, 2002, the City Council adopted the report from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee relative to the conditional use appeal for the property at 10804-10820 Wilshire Blvd and 1201-1215 Malcolm Avenue ("Wilshire/Malcolm Project") (Council File No. 02-2320). Condition of Approval Number 34 required the Wilshire/Malcolm Project to deposit \$50,000 with the City "to fund a Neighborhood Traffic Protection Program specifically dedicated to the traffic issues that may be associated with the project, north of the project site," for which "the improvements funded by this program shall be made at the direction of the Department of Transportation (DOT) after review by City Council District 5."

The Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association, which consists of residents in the area north of the Wilshire/Malcolm Project site, requested and submitted a petition for a trial implementation of temporary traffic calming measures, including: (1) restriction prohibiting eastbound and westbound straight through traffic on Le Conte Avenue across Hilgard Avenue; (2) restriction prohibiting eastbound and westbound straight through traffic on Weyburn Avenue across Hilgard Avenue; and (3) restriction prohibiting southbound to eastbound left-turns from Hilgard Avenue to Lindbrook Drive; and (4) a median island and a sidewalk bump-out on Lindbrook Drive at Hilgard Avenue.

DOT installed the temporary measures in February of 2008 and then evaluated the effectiveness and impact of the traffic calming measures. Based on the technical evaluation and consultation with the community and Council District 5, DOT finalized a proposed Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) Plan. The plan consisted of the traffic restrictions listed above, as well as speed humps and all-way stop control at specified locations.

DOT's policy for determining whether traffic restrictions should be implemented includes a consideration for whether there is super-majority community support for such restrictions. Hence, at the request of DOT, the City Clerk's Office mailed out opinion survey forms and related information to every residence within a designated affected area, asking if the occupants supported the proposed NTM Plan. Based upon the responses returned to the City Clerk, DOT has determined the implementation of permanent restrictions did not meet DOT established thresholds for community support.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, DOT be directed to remove the temporary traffic calming measures, in accordance with DOT's policy regarding the approval of traffic restrictions, and based upon the opinion survey results.

I FURTHER MOVE, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to authorize the transfer a total of \$24,254 from DOT's Neighborhood Traffic Management Fund No. 47H, "Wilshire/Malcolm" accounts, \$14,254 from Account No. C194, and \$10,000 from Account W311, to DOT Fund No. 100/94, Salaries Overtime Account 1090, and that any unexpended fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 shall be reverted back to the originating account.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council authorize the Chief Legislative Analyst, or his designee, to provide clarification or technical corrections, as necessary, to effectuate the Council's intent regarding this matter.

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PRESENTED BY: 
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Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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