

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**FROM:** Yugal K. Lall, City Engineer/Public Works Director 

**DATE:** January 24, 2008 (CC Meeting of 02/6/08)

**SUBJECT:** Consider Options for the Modification of Traffic Flow on Lassen Avenue East of Sierra Avenue

**DISCUSSION**

**A. Background**

When the second phase of the Mission Bell Plaza Shopping Center was constructed, a northwest access to the parking lot was constructed at Lassen Avenue. This access point has resulted in increased traffic volumes (and alleged excessive vehicle speeds) in the Shasta Avenue/Sierra Avenue residential neighborhood (Attachment 1). On the positive side, this connection allows local residents to proceed to the traffic signal at Leta Yancy Road/Los Angeles Avenue to turn left and proceed in an easterly direction from their neighborhood.

The traffic problems created by the Lassen Avenue connection have been discussed with local residents in the past. As a result of those meetings, certain traffic control improvements were installed, but the two-way access at Lassen Avenue was allowed to remain in place. It is planned that this access would be closed when a traffic signal at Los Angeles Avenue and Shasta Avenue is constructed.

**B. Committee Meeting**

In response to renewed concerns raised by local residents, the Transportation and Public Works Committee ["Committee"] (Councilmembers Millhouse and Van Dam) revisited this matter. On November 26, 2007, the Committee met at the intersection of Sierra Avenue and Lassen Avenue with local residents, to discuss their concerns and issues.

Subsequent to receipt and discussion of a number of concerns raised by those residents present, the Committee recommended that a report be forwarded to the City Council, for the purpose of discussion, at a public meeting, the following options:

- No change;
- A full closure of the Lassen Avenue access; and
- Closure of the access point to westbound traffic (traffic exiting the parking lot), with appropriate spikes preventing westbound traffic and signs warning of same.

C. Shasta Avenue Traffic Signal

At this time, and until the proposed Pacific Communities Project is constructed, this signal is not warranted.

D. Sierra Avenue

Double yellow center lane striping was recently installed on Sierra Avenue and a portion of Shasta Avenue as a traffic calming measure. It is staff's opinion that this measure has reduced speeding on Sierra Avenue.

E. Lassen Avenue (Moorpark Avenue to Park Lane)

At a future date staff will be returning to the City Council on the possible construction of Lassen Avenue between Moorpark Avenue and Park Lane (Attachment 1). If constructed, this would have impacts on traffic circulation in this neighborhood, unless Lassen Avenue at Sierra Avenue was closed to vehicular traffic. This section of Lassen Avenue is currently unimproved and the City Council, on September 20, 2007, authorized the construction of a walkway.

F. Public Meeting

Residents of the Shasta Avenue/Sierra Avenue neighborhood have been mailed a notice advising them of a public meeting before the City Council on February 6 to discuss the subject traffic issues.

G. Fiscal Impact

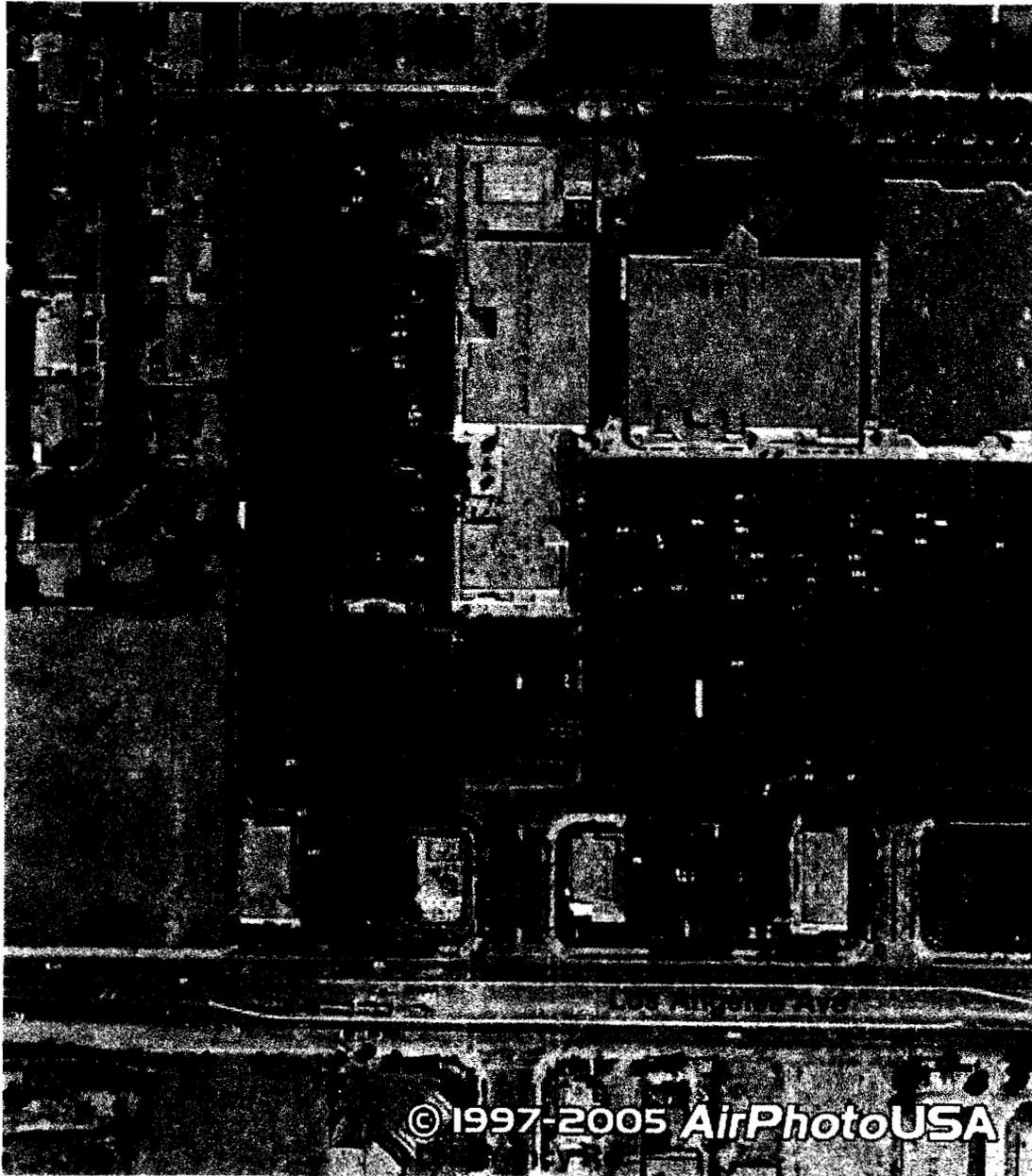
The estimated cost of the construction of improvements designed to prevent westbound egress traffic from using Lassen Avenue, is approximately \$7,500. The recommended funding source for such a project would be the General Fund (Fund 1000).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Direct staff as deemed appropriate.

Attachment:  
Vicinity Map

**ATTACHMENT 1**



**VICINITY MAP**  
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