

DATE: March 17, 2009

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Wheelchair Ramps: Approval of Plans and Specifications and Call for Bids

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolutions that:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Wheelchair Ramps project and call for bids to be received on April 14, 2009; and
2. Amend the Master Fee Schedule to increase the sidewalk repair fee to \$550.

BACKGROUND

On December 16, 2008, Council accepted staff's recommendation for a new Sidewalk Rehabilitation Policy. Under this new policy, the Precision Concrete Saw Cut Method of removing sidewalk tripping hazards by saw cutting was added to and made part of the Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program that removes and replaces damaged concrete sidewalks. The Precision Saw Cut Method replaced the practice of grinding sidewalk displacements of less than 1½ inches. Council also accepted other recommended policies that include the following:

1. Public trees are not to be removed unless they are diseased, pose an imminent danger to the public, and/or there are no other means of installing sidewalk improvements;
2. Rubber sidewalks, which are made of recycled tire rubber, are to be tested for use in replacing damaged concrete sidewalks;
3. Sidewalk repairs are to be made in whole neighborhoods, instead of focusing only on the worst block faces; and
4. An increase in the sidewalk repair fee from \$425 to \$550. The fee is to be paid by property owners who choose to have repairs made by the City instead of making the repairs for which they are responsible. This recommendation was based on the administrative costs of the program and because the existing fee had not been adjusted since 2001.

DISCUSSION

This year’s program will repair damaged sidewalks in the Calaroga Area, District 7, and Santa Clara Area, District 10 (see Exhibits A and B). The project also includes the installation of wheelchair access ramps; repair of offset or raised concrete curb and gutter; tree trimming and root pruning of existing trees; and planting of new trees. A total of 320 separate locations of damaged sidewalks will be repaired, and a total of 44 new wheelchair ramps will be constructed.

As approved by Council, rubber sidewalks will be installed at select test locations to gauge the feasibility and public’s acceptance of the material as replacement for damaged concrete sidewalks. The following locations with sidewalk damage caused by tree roots were selected for testing of rubber sidewalks: 24826 Mulberry Street, 24815 Papaya Street, 24903 Townsend Avenue, and 24786 and 24938 Willimet Way.

The tripping hazard removal using the Precision Saw Cut Method will be performed under a separate purchase order contract and will precede this sidewalk repair project, which involves sidewalk removal and replacement of damaged sidewalk sections. The project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15301(c) that covers the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing streets, sidewalks, and gutters.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

The estimated project costs are as follows:

Contract Construction	\$ 635,000
Trip Hazard Removal (under separate contract)	200,000
Design and Administration	90,000
Construction Survey, Inspection, and Testing	95,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,020,000</u>

The FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes \$900,000 for the Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project in the Street Systems Improvement Fund. Reimbursement from property owners is estimated to be approximately \$120,000. The FY 2009 CIP also includes \$120,000 in the Gas Tax Fund for the Wheelchair Ramps construction. Transportation Development Act funds will reimburse the full amount of the Wheelchair Ramps project. Total appropriation for the two projects is \$1,020,000.

SCHEDULE

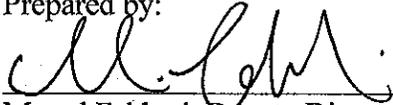
The estimated schedule for this project is as follows:

Advertise for Bids	March 17, 2009
Receive bids	April 14, 2009
Award Contract	May 5, 2009
Begin Construction	June 1, 2009
End Construction	September 8, 2009

PUBLIC CONTACT

Owners of the affected properties will receive letters regarding the program along with a response form to return to the City indicating if they want to make the repairs themselves or pay the \$550 fee to have the City do the work. On the response form, property owners may choose their preferred payment option of a \$550 lump sum payment or an installment plan of 12 monthly payments. Where street trees are absent or an existing tree must be removed, because of disease or is in eminent danger of falling, the response form will also include a choice of replacement trees.

Prepared by:



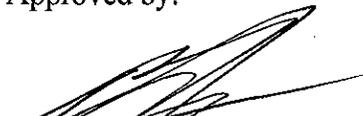
Morad Fakhrai, Deputy Director of Public Works

Recommended by:



Robert A. Bauman, Director of Public Works

Approved by:



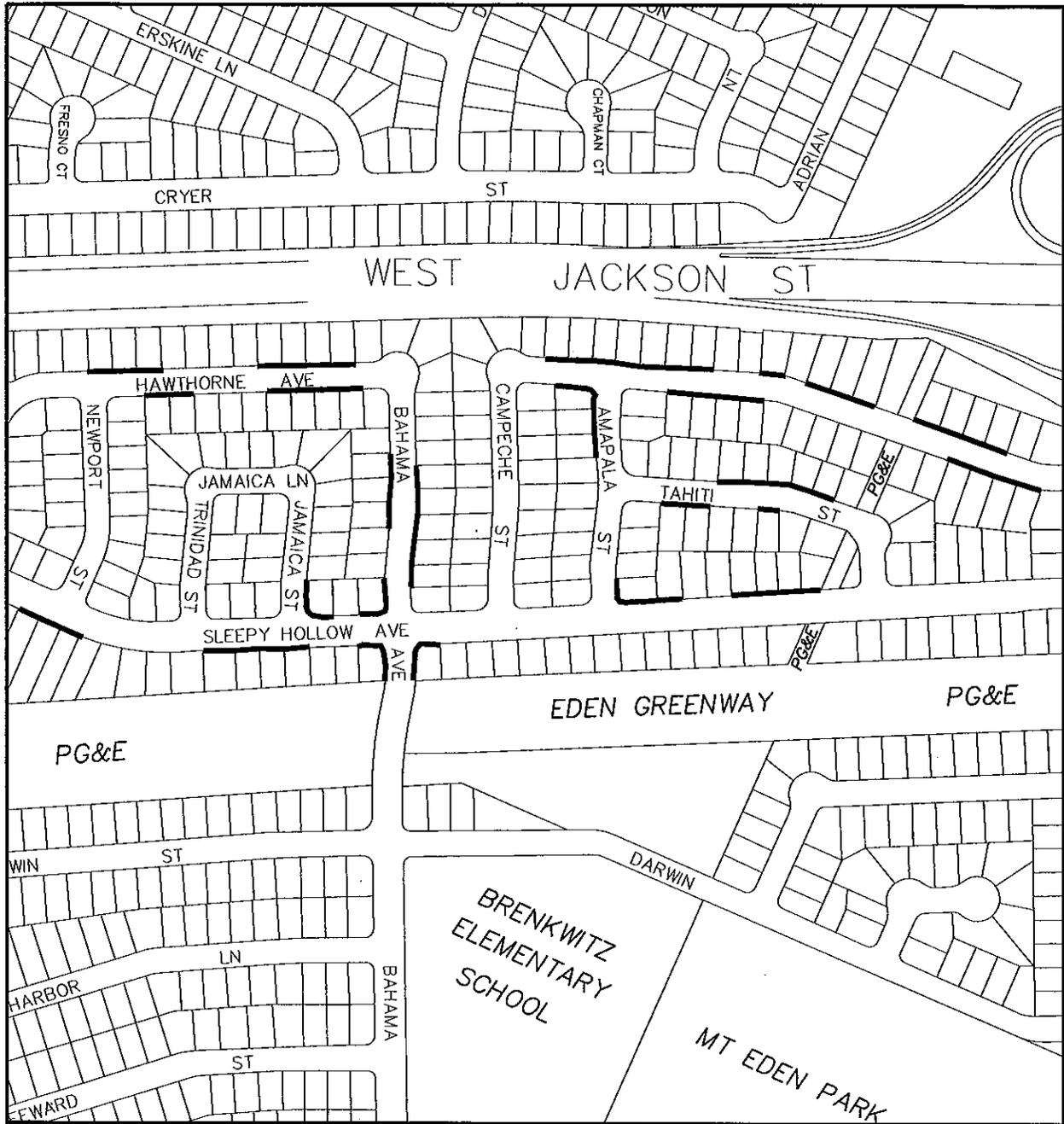
Gregory P. Jones, City Manager

Attachments: Exhibit A: Project Location Map



INDICATES THE BLOCKS TO BE REPAIRED

**LOCATION MAP
 SIDEWALK REHABILITATION 2008-09 --CALAROGA AREA
 DISTRICT 7 - PROJECT NO. 5118**



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 DISTRICT 7 - PROJECT NO. 5118**



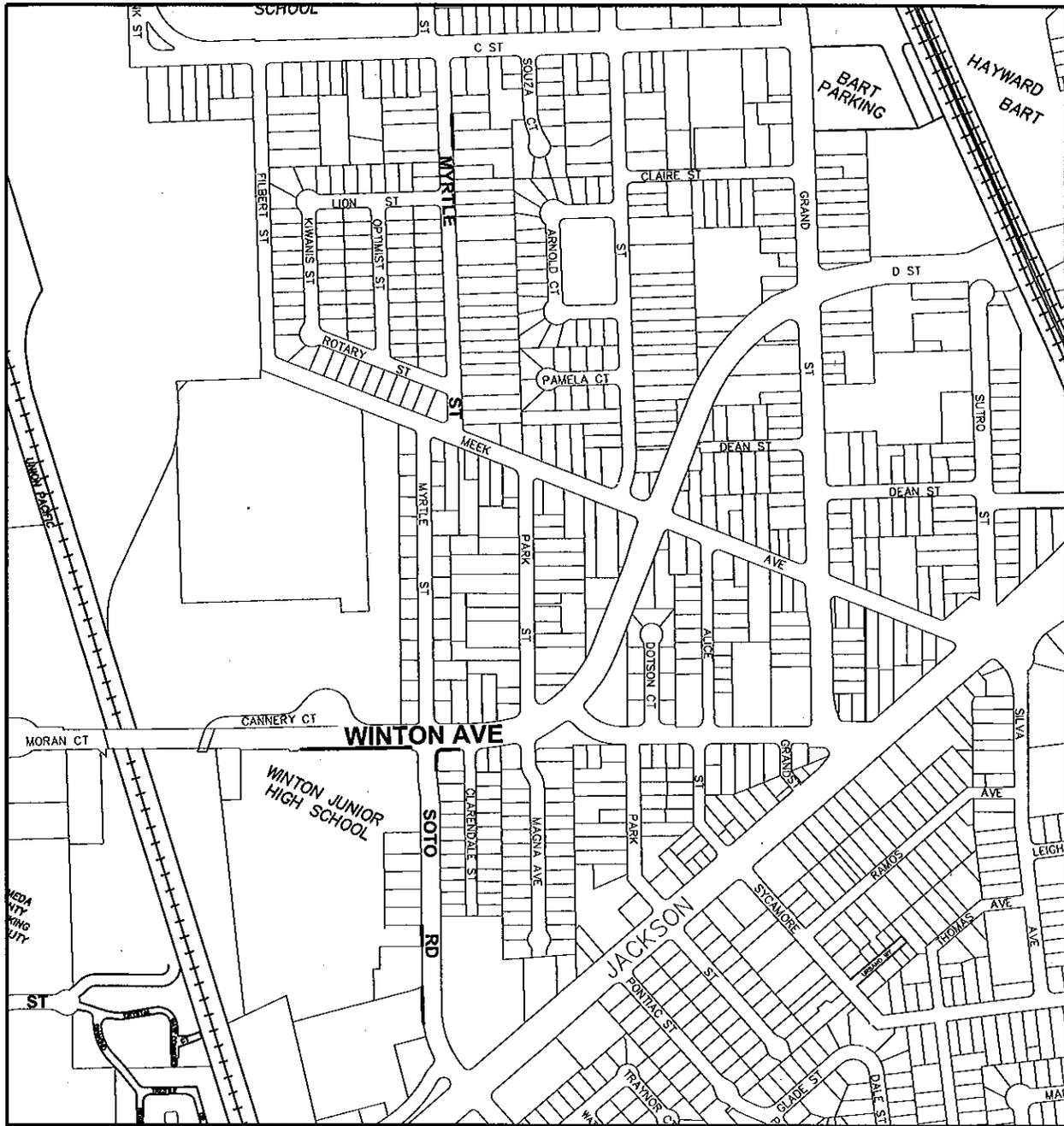
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**LOCATION MAP
 SIDEWALK REHABILITATION 2008-09-- SANTA CLARA AREA
 DISTRICT 10 - PROJECT NO. 5118**



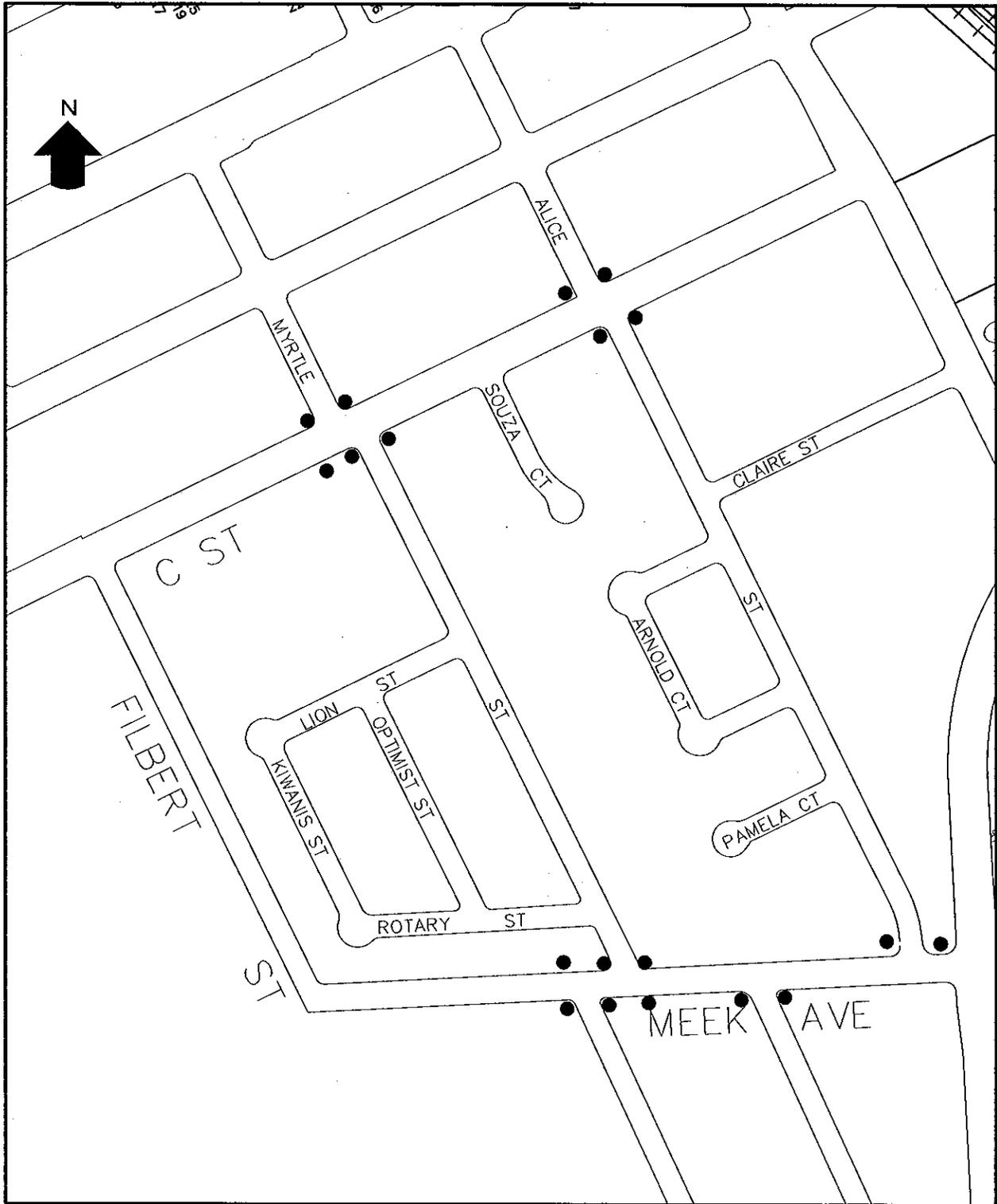
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**LOCATION MAP
 SIDEWALK REHABILITATION 2008-09-- SANTA CLARA ARE
 DISTRICT 10 - PROJECT NO. 5118**

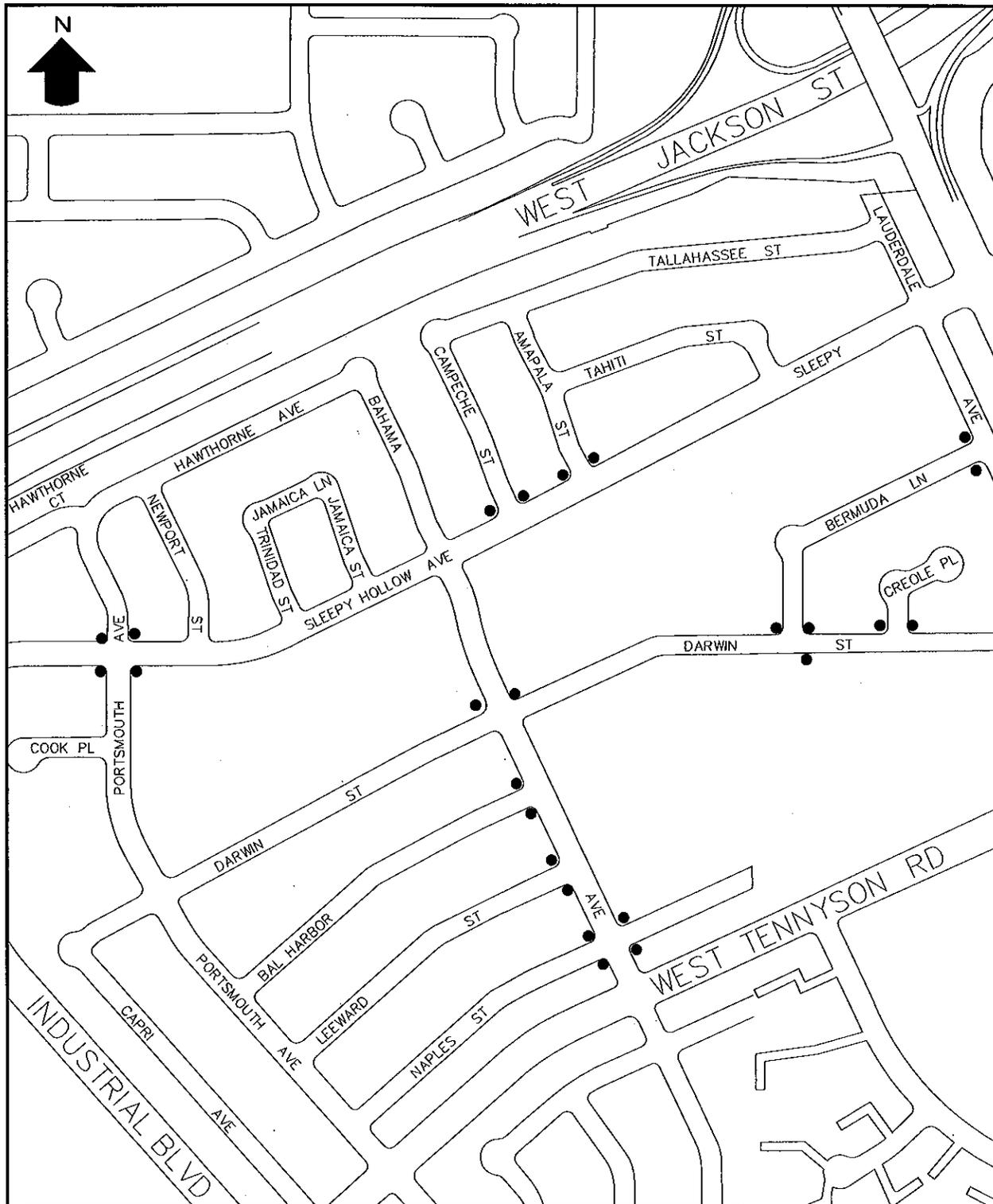


INDICATES THE BLOCKS TO BE REPAIRED

**LOCATION MAP
 SIDEWALK REHABILITATION 2008-09 -- SANTA CLARA AREA
 DISTRICT 10 - PROJECT NO. 5118**



LOCATION MAP
WHEELCHAIR RAMPS 2008-09- SANTA CLARA AREA
DISTRICT 10- PROJECT NO. 5122



LOCATION MAP
WHEELCHAIR RAMPS 2008-2009 CALAROGA AREA
DISTRICT 7- PROJECT NO. 5122

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 09-

Introduced by Council Member _____

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3/12/09

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND
SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SIDEWALK
REHABILITATION AND WHEELCHAIR RAMPS FY09
PROJECT, PROJECT NOS. 5118 AND 5122, AND CALL
FOR BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward as follows:

1. That those certain plans and specifications for the Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Wheelchair Ramps FY09 Project, Project Nos. 5118 and 5122 on file in the office of the City Clerk, are hereby adopted as the plans and specifications for the project;
2. That sealed bids therefor will be received by the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 777 "B" Street, 4th Floor, Hayward, California 94541, up to the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, and immediately thereafter publicly opened and declared by the City Clerk in the Public Works Conference Room, 4D, located on the 4th Floor of City Hall, Hayward, California;
3. That the City Council will consider a report on the bids at a regular meeting following the aforesaid opening and declaration of same;
4. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice calling for bids for the required work and material to be made in the form and manner provided by law; and
5. That this project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act section 15301(c) for the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities.

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 09-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE
TO REFLECT CHANGES TO THE SIDEWALK REPAIR FEE

WHEREAS, staff is recommending an increase to the current sidewalk repair fee from \$425 to \$550 per property owner choosing to have their sidewalk repairs made by the City; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008, the City Council accepted a new Sidewalk Rehabilitation Policy which includes an increase to the sidewalk repair fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the Master Fee Schedule is hereby amended to reflect the increase to the Sidewalk Repair fee from \$425 to \$550.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2009

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward