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WORKSHOP – Santa Clara Street Area Update

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Addressing the Challenges of the Santa Clara Street Area

August 20, 2020



Background

- March 4, 2020, Gov. Newsom proclaimed State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19.
- Due to the transient nature of the homeless population and greater potential to transmit COVID, the CDC issued guidance for encampments to remain in place.
- Following the CDC's guidance, the City suspended daily wake-ups in the area bounded by Santa Clara S., E St., Ventura St., and G St.
- As a result of this suspension, encampments have become larger, more entrenched, very unhealthy, and even dangerous.



Summary

- In order to address these challenges, a plan has been developed to improve the health of those experiencing homelessness in the area:
 1. Temporarily reduce vehicular traffic in the area
 2. Re-institute daily clean-ups
 3. Increase outreach and navigation services
 4. Establish a good-neighbor district that reduces encampments in the area bounded by Fresno St., Hwy 41, G St., and Hwy 99.



Step 1 – Establish Site Control

Establish site control by reducing vehicular traffic in the Santa Clara Street Area:

1. Close-off vehicle access at Ventura and E Street, Ventura and F Street, Ventura and Golden State
2. Install a temporary gate on Santa Clara Street just west of the Renaissance at Santa Clara building.



Step 2 – Reinstitute Daily Clean-ups

- 15-day noticing process which includes daily outreach and engagement offering resources and services
 - In compliance with Administrative Order 6-23
- Procurement process for sanitation services
- One day clean-up
- Daily clean-ups there after



Step 3 – Increase Outreach

- Increase outreach and navigation in the Santa Clara Street area consistently offering and linking to MAP Point, housing, and other services
- Develop a transportation plan for serving homeless clients from across the city to access and use the services available in the Santa Clara Street area



Step 4 – Establish a Good-Neighbor District

- Santa Clara Street & Chinatown area

