



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department No.:** 001  
**For Agenda Of:** January 23, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Supervisor Das Williams  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Darcel Elliott, Chief of Staff, 805-568-2182

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Stop Control in the First Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution to establish new stop controls on Hot Springs Road at the intersection with Riven Rock Road in the First Supervisorial District;
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are for the operation and maintenance of an existing public facility, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301 (c), and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to establish a new stop control on Hot Springs Road at the intersection with Riven Rock Road in the First Supervisorial District.

**Background:**

The First District office has received multiple requests and engaged in numerous conversations with constituents, Public Works, the Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, and Montecito Fire District regarding potential traffic solutions to improve safety. Constituent concerns include minimal walkable shoulders, site distance at the intersection, speeds, and the narrow roadway with limited recovery zones. The Fire District obtained a consultant study of whether a stop control at the intersection would have an

effect on evacuations and it was determined that it would not, therefore, the Fire District is able to support a stop control at this intersection.

Pursuant to County Code 23-1 and California Vehicle Code Sections 21354 and 21355, the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, designate any highway intersection under its jurisdiction as a stop-controlled intersection requiring stop signs to be installed at one or more entrances to the intersection.

A stop sign is a regulatory roadway sign that gives notice of traffic laws or regulations. Stop signs can improve safety of an intersection by establishing the right-of-way for vehicles entering that intersection. Stop signs are typically installed based on an engineering study that determines whether an intersection meets warrants as specified in the California Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD). Public Works reviewed the intersection characteristics, collision history and traffic volumes, and there is adequate sight distance at this location to install the requested stop signs.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Installation of new stop signs and markings is estimated to cost approximately \$2,000 and will have ongoing annual maintenance costs. These funds are budgeted in Fund 0015, Department 054, Program 2340, Org 0400, Account 7121.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified, stamped Minute Order and copies of the executed Resolution to: Gary Smart, Public Works Transportation, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA x83308

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Resolution to Adopt a Stop Control on Hot Springs Road at the intersection with Riven Road in the First Supervisorial District

Attachment B – Vicinity Map

Attachment C – Notice of Exemption

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