



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 5/22/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Interim Director, #568-3010
Director

Contact Info: Dace Morgan, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation #568-3064

SUBJECT: Stop Controls on Shaw Street at Augusta Street, Gonzales Drive at Saint Joseph Street, Leslie Street at Saint Joseph Street and Carina Drive at Jupiter Avenue; 3rd Supervisorial District. A Stop Control on Bathurst Drive at Harmony Lane and Turquoise Court at Cameo Drive; 4th Supervisorial District.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution establishing stop controls on Shaw Street at Augusta Street, Gonzales Drive at Saint Joseph Street, Leslie Street at Saint Joseph Street, Carina Drive at Jupiter Avenue and Bathurst Drive at Harmony Lane and Turquoise Court at Cameo Drive in the 3rd and 4th Supervisorial Districts.

Summary Text:

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 Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The MUTCD states that stop signs should not be used for speed control and consideration should be given to reducing number of vehicles that are required to stop.

Arbitrary installation of stop signs and the resulting citations that are given to motorists can more easily be challenged in court and can increase the County's liability exposure. Additionally, driving a car is a learned behavior. Drivers tend to learn when a stop sign is not warranted and often only slow down and do not stop entirely. This raises the concern that when an occasional pedestrian or vehicle from a cross street enters the intersection it may be unexpected.

Several requests for these stop signs were received from citizens in the Vandenberg Village, Los Alamos, and the Orcutt areas addressing safety concerns at various locations. An investigation has been performed at these intersections and it has been determined that the necessary sight distance does exist, and the installation of stop controls at these intersections will provide a safety improvement for children walking to and from schools located in the areas.

Based upon the investigations, the Public Works Traffic Section has prepared the attached resolutions (six) establishing stop controls at the following intersections.

- On Shaw Street at Augusta Street, on
- Gonzales Drive at Saint Joseph Street, on
- Leslie Street at Saint Joseph Street, on
- Carina Drive at Jupiter Avenue, on
- Bathurst Drive at Harmony Lane and on
- Turquoise Court at Cameo Drive.

Background:

This requested action was initiated by citizen service requests in the Vandenburg Village, Los Alamos, and the Orcutt areas.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Road Fund	\$1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00

Narrative:

Approximately \$1,500.00 will be required and is available in Department 054/02/04, Program 2200, Org 0008, and Account 7121 for sign installation and painting.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please provide a copy of the executed documents and minute order for pick up to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, PW Department Traffic Section.

Attachments:

#1: Six Vicinity Maps, #2 Six Resolutions

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