



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: 6/5/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Stop Controls on Hollister Street at San Marcos Avenue, Venus Avenue at Jupiter Avenue, Milky Way at Solar Way, Mercury Avenue at Jupiter Avenue, Carina Drive at Milky Way and Sunbeam Road; 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District. Stop Controls on North Patterson Avenue at Camino Meleno, Arboleda Road at Nueces Drive; 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District. A Stop Control on Barker Pass Road at Paso Robles Lane; 1st Supervisorial District.

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**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 eight resolutions establishing stop controls on Hollister Street at San Marcos Street, Venus Avenue at Jupiter Avenue, Milky Way at Solar Way, Mercury Avenue at Jupiter Avenue, Carina Drive at Milky Way and Sunbeam Road, North Patterson Avenue at Camino Meleno, Arboleda Road at Nueces Drive, Barker Pass Road at Paso Robles Lane in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 the number of stop signs along a roadway corridor.

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.

The Department of Public Works, Transportation Division receives many requests from citizens each year regarding safety concerns at roadway intersections. The Traffic Section and, if necessary, the Traffic Engineering Committee evaluates these requests.

An investigation was conducted by using the methodology in the MUTCD for the installation of stop signs at the intersections listed herein. The Traffic Section has determined that the installation of stop controls at these intersections will provide a safety improvement.

Based upon our investigation, the Traffic Section has prepared the attached resolutions (eight) establishing stop controls at the following intersections.

- On Hollister Street at San Marcos Avenue, on
- Venus Avenue at Jupiter Avenue, on
- Milky Way at Solar Way, on
- Mercury Avenue at Jupiter Avenue, on
- Carina Drive at Milky Way and Sunbeam on
- North Patterson Avenue at Camino Meleno on
- Arboleda Road at Nueces Drive and on
- Barker Pass Road at Paso Robles Lane.

**Background:**

This requested action was initiated by citizen service requests in the Los Olivos, Vandenberg Village, Montecito and Goleta 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			\$ 2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00

**Narrative:**

Approximately \$2,000.00 will be required and is available in Department 054/02/04, Program 2200, Org 0008 Account # 7121 for sign installation and painting.

Subject: Stop Control Resolutions, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>rd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Districts  
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**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: Eight Vicinity Maps
- #2 Eight Resolutions

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