



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED
SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
 IMPROVEMENTS

FROM: Councilmember Rocha
DATE: May 23rd, 2012

Approved

Don Rocha

Date 5-23-12

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RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Traffic Safety Enhancements at two locations in District 9: Leigh Avenue & Potrero, and Woodard & Twilight

Amount of City Funding Required: Total: \$61,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

The Cambrian 36 Annexation agreement with the City of Campbell is expected to be received by the City within the 12-13 fiscal year, and is anticipated to continue until 2053. The annual payment to be received for the annexation of the land is \$199,000; the area that was annexed was within Council District 9 and the Cambrian School District. Anticipating this funding and acknowledging the immense amount of work that the former District 9 Councilmember put forth to ensure that the City was made whole through this transaction, I propose that a small amount of the initial installment be spent to improve two dangerous pedestrian crossings near schools within the Cambrian School District.

Staff is directed to set aside funding for the improvements outlined below upon receipt of the annexation allocation from the City of Campbell.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Cambrian 36 Annexation

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Woodard & Twilight Drive: Farnham Elementary School

Woodard and Twilight Drive is a T-intersection in a school neighborhood. Driving, parking, and visibility conditions are impacted by congestion, and the lack of sidewalks in the area. Last fall two children were injured while crossing in the crosswalk at this 3-way stop intersection. Visibility and traffic safety for children and families walking to and from Farnham Elementary School would be improved by installing a small detached curbside island at the southwest corner to host the stop sign serving eastbound motorists. This effort is part of a long-term transportation improvement initiative to improve safety for pedestrians in this area.

Leigh & Potrero: Fammatre Elementary School & Ida Price Middle School

Leigh Avenue is a 35 mph, undivided four-lane minor arterial road with bike lanes. There is an uncontrolled crosswalk at Potrero Drive, which is a key crossing location for school children to Ida Price Middle School and Fammatre Elementary School. Commute traffic on Leigh is extremely heavy and coincides with pedestrians travelling to school. Due to the crosswalk being uncontrolled, there are relatively no protections for children trying to cross at that intersection. Installing a concrete pedestrian refuge island where a painted island currently exists, as well as installing flashing beacons to warn motorists of pedestrians entering the roadway would increase the pedestrian safety and walkability of the area for children and families.

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

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This change is:

X One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services**