

City Of Piedmont Council Agenda Report

DATE: February 7, 2005

FROM: Lawrence A. Rosenberg, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: **Pedestrian Safety Study on Oakland Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Following public testimony, give direction to staff regarding any traffic improvements to be made based upon the Consulting Traffic Engineer's report.

BACKGROUND:

On February 7, 2005 Council will be asked to review a number of proposals for traffic improvements on Oakland and Magnolia Avenues. The attached report is a copy for your information. Additionally, correspondence related to this issue is attached.

The City has received two separate petitions (copies attached). The first petition dealt with the safety of students crossing at the intersection of Oakland Avenue at Bonita Avenue and a second petition requesting the installation of two crosswalks on San Carlos Avenue at the intersection of Oakland Avenue and the intersection at Magnolia Avenue. Subsequent to the receipt of these petitions, the signators were invited to a meeting with staff at City Hall to discuss their concerns. The City engaged the services of Consulting Traffic Engineer, Mr. Moses Wilson, to review the proposals as presented in the petitions. It became clear that any analysis would require a comprehensive review of the travel patterns of students prior to recommending any potential changes including crosswalk location, striping, and reduction in parking spaces.

It should be noted that the issue with regard to creating additional crosswalks is that approximately twenty-eight (28) parking spaces will need to be removed, so as to provide adequate site lines for the new crosswalks. This is likely to cause controversy and inconvenience to those homeowners who are adjacent to the eliminated parking spaces. Attached is a list of potential locations where parking space may be eliminated given possible improvements.

A copy of Mr. Wilson's report has been mailed to all petitioners as well as those residents who may be effected by any proposed changes.

Attachments:

1. Copy of Consulting Traffic Engineer's Report dated December 23, 2004.
2. Petition regarding San Carlos Avenue crosswalk proposed.
3. Petition regarding improvements to the crosswalk at Oakland Avenue and Bonita Avenue.
4. Map of possible crosswalk improvements to Oakland Avenue.
5. Map of possible crosswalk improvements to Magnolia Avenue.
6. List of potential location where parking spaces may be eliminated given possible improvements.