

April 3, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
April 9, 2002

**REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMPS ON ALLEY EAST OF HERMOSA AVENUE
BETWEEN PIER AVENUE AND 14TH STREET**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Public Works Commission's recommendation to install speed humps on a trial basis in the alley east of Hermosa Avenue between Pier Avenue and 14th Street.

Background:

A request was received from the owner of Bestie's Pub & Grill to install speed humps in the alley (Palm Drive) located one-half block east of Hermosa Avenue that runs from Pier Avenue to 14th Street. Please see the attached site map. The alley is 18 feet wide and is one-way in the northbound direction. The objective of request is to reduce travel speeds in the alley and thereby improve safety for pedestrians and motorists. Numerous pedestrian doors from the adjacent commercial establishments open directly onto this alley and there are numerous driveways from which vehicles back out into the alley.

The Commission supported the Staff recommendation to install speed humps in the alley on a trial basis.

Analysis:

The attached Staff report and minutes for the March 20 Public Works Commission meeting presents the analysis of the speed hump request and outlines the rationale for recommending the use of speed humps on a trial basis at this location. The speed humps would reduce travel speeds and improve safety for motorists and pedestrians in the alley. As a point of clarification, speed humps are not the same as speed bumps. Speed bumps are typically installed in parking lots and on internal private streets and are typically 1 to 3 feet in width and 4 to 6 inches in height. Speed humps are 12 feet wide and 3 to 4 inches in height, thereby creating a gentler rolling motion for motorists instead of an abrupt jolt. It is anticipated that three to four speed humps would be appropriate for this alley.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the Public Works Commission's recommendation and direct Staff to install speed humps on a trial basis in the alley east of Hermosa Avenue between Pier Avenue and 14th Street.
2. Deny the request to install speed humps in the alley east of Hermosa Avenue.
3. Send back to Staff for further study.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of installing the speed humps is estimated at \$1,000 per hump for a total cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000.

- Attachments: 1. Site map
2. Staff Report
3. March 20, 2002 Public Works Commission meeting minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

Harold C. Williams, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

Noted for fiscal impact:

Concur:

Viki Copeland
Finance Director

Michael Lavin
Chief of Police

Russ Tingley
Fire Chief

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