

May 30, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
June 11, 2002

**REQUEST FOR THREE-WAY STOP CONTROL AT  
VALLEY PARK AVENUE AND 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to Staff.

**Summary:**

Residents in the vicinity of Valley Park Drive and 20<sup>th</sup> Street have expressed concern for traffic safety at that intersection. It's been requested that the City install stop signs on 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The written request was presented to Council on May 28, 2002 (Please see attached copy).

The Public Works Commission considered the request for a 3-way stop at their November 14, 2001 meeting and the request was denied. Instead, the Commission directed Staff to conduct a more comprehensive study of the neighborhood to provide additional information relative to traffic patterns and circulation issues in the area. The issue was again considered at the April 17, 2002 Commission meeting. The Commission recommended, rather than installing 3-way stop controls or any other neighborhood traffic control measures, that signs be installed to warn motorists of the presence of an autistic child on Valley Park Avenue.

As Council is aware, Council approved the recommendation of the Public Works Commission to install "Autistic Child" warning signs at Valley Park Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street at its May 14 meeting.

**Background:**

A complete analysis of the intersection can be found in the attached November 14, 2001 Public Works Commission Staff report.

Although Staff does not recommend in favor of the request, Staff doesn't object to the installation of the stops at this intersection because they:

1. Will not cause delay to the City's street system.
2. Can be installed without losing parking.
3. Can be installed on existing signposts.

**Alternatives:**

1. Deny the request for a three-way stop control.
2. Approve the request for a three-way stop control at Valley Park Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street and adopt the attached resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF VALLEY PARK AVENUE AND 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET A THREE-WAY STOP CONTROL INTERSECTION".
3. Rescind the order to install "Autistic Child" warning signs at the intersection of Valley Park Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street.
4. Take no action.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funds for the installation of the required signs and markings are available under the current Street Maintenance Operations and Maintenance budget.

Attachments:

1. Letter of request
2. Site Location Map
3. PWC Staff Report of November 14, 2001
4. Draft Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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