Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

Fiscal Impact: None anticipated.

Regular Meeting of November 12, 2003

PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND 16TH STREET

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the request from Shook Development Corporation to upgrade the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and 16th Street to be fully signalized.

Summary:

Providing traffic signalization at Pacific Coast Highway and 16th Street was first discussed many years ago as part of the approval of the hotel, the Hampton Inn, on the east side of the street at this location. At that time, Caltrans was not supportive of adding a signal at this location due to concerns about a signal causing additional traffic delays on Pacific Coast Highway. When the Planning Commission was considering the original application for development of the Hermosa Pavilion Project at 1605-1607 Pacific Coast Highway, it was again discussed. Shook Development was in favor of the new signal but Caltrans was still not inclined to approve of the signal.

Caltrans is now very supportive of a signal at this location to improve the safety of vehicular turning movements and pedestrian access. Caltrans is more receptive to this now because of the recent completion of the traffic signal interconnect project on Pacific Coast Highway, which eliminates the concern regarding additional traffic delays.

Shook Development submitted a letter dated October 7, 2003 (copy attached) requesting the City's support for a new traffic signal at this location. With Council's approval, the applicant will prepare plans for submittal to Caltrans for their review and approval. The applicant has not requested any expenditure of City funds for this project.

Attachment: Letter dated October 7, 2003		
Respectfully submitted,		
Richard D. Morgan, P.E. Director of Public Works/City Engineer		
Noted for fiscal impact:	Concur:	
Viki Copeland	Stephen R. Burrell	
Finance Director	City Manager	