

February 9, 2004

Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hermosa Beach Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
February 18, 2004

**REMOVAL OF LEFT-TURN LANES AT
AVIATION BOULEVARD AND OCEAN DRIVE**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission deny the request.

Summary:

The Public Works Department received a letter from Hermosa business owner, Roger Bacon, requesting that the left turn lanes on Aviation Boulevard at Ocean Drive be eliminated (See attached letter dated 2/4/04.).

Staff has reviewed the request to eliminate the left turn lanes on Aviation at this intersection. This would not only eliminate the turning lanes but would also eliminate the ability to make any left turns from Aviation onto Ocean Avenue safely. Allowing left turns without dedicated lanes would cause traffic to back up on Aviation and would create the potential for rear end collisions. To undertake this change would require a traffic circulation study to determine the necessary alternate routes available as well as looking at how many vehicles utilize this left turn pocket. Even if there are only a few vehicles per hour that utilize this turning movement, the impact of eliminating it could be very significant.

Attachments: Letter of Request dated 2/4/04

Respectfully submitted,

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