

March 16, 2005

Honorable Chairman and Members of the  
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of  
March 23, 2005

**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM SIDEWALK  
REQUIREMENT FOR AVA AVENUE**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission consider a petition requesting that Ava Avenue be exempted from the requirement for sidewalks.

**Summary:**

Staff received the attached letter dated January 28, 2005 from Ms. Julie Oakes and a petition from her neighbors requesting that their street be exempted from the requirement for new construction to install sidewalk. Ava Avenue is a residential cul-de-sac street with a 25-foot wide road within a 40-foot wide public right-of-way. Ms. Oakes is remodeling her home and does not wish to construct the required sidewalk and also wishes to have the required garage setback to be 17-feet from back of curb instead of from back of sidewalk, which is the present requirement.

If the Public Works Commission agrees with this request then staff will take this issue to Council to approve a resolution exempting Ava Avenue from the sidewalk requirement. The Council has previously approved similar exemptions for thirteen other residential streets. Staff agrees with the applicant that traffic volumes are very low on this street, but cannot recommend eliminating sidewalk because of safety concerns.

A public notice of this hearing was sent to all residences on this block of Ava Avenue.

**Attachments:**

1. Letter with petition (26 signatures)
2. Notice to residents

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works/City Engineer