

June 13, 2007

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
June 20, 2007

**PROPOSED RESTRICTION OF LEFT TURNS
ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission consider restricting left turns off of Pacific Coast Highway during peak traffic hours at uncontrolled intersections.

Summary:

Staff received a request to restrict left turns from northbound PCH to westbound 3rd Street during peak traffic hours. The City's Traffic Sergeant, Tom Thompson, agrees that this left turn is a safety concern and should be restricted between the hours of 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm for that reason – similar to other intersections along PCH. Staff reviewed the traffic accident data for a three year period and found 11 accidents related to left turns at 3rd Street. While reviewing this location, it was noted that similar accident data exists for other locations.

Staff is compiling this accident data and will present it during this meeting. From a safety viewpoint, it makes sense to restrict these turning movements. Staff has some concerns regarding possible impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods and would like the Commission's comments and ideas on possibly holding a public meeting to discuss this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,



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