



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 16, 2010

Item Number: F-8

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Bijan Vaziri, Traffic Engineer

Subject: APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGNATING AN ALL-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT BEVERLY
DRIVE AND SUTTON WAY

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the designation of an all-way stop control at the city boundary intersection of Beverly Drive and Sutton Way adjacent to Coldwater Canyon Park; (ii) approve the plans and specifications for the all-way stop and any related street markings; (iii) and authorizes the Director of Public Works & Transportation to install and maintain such sign and related street markings. Approval by the City of Los Angeles is also required.

INTRODUCTION

As a measure to improve safety and visibility at the "T"-shaped intersection of Beverly Drive and Sutton Way, staff recommends designating an all-way stop control. Stop signs would be installed facing motorists on the northbound approach of Beverly Drive by Beverly Hills and facing southbound Beverly Drive by the City of Los Angeles. There is presently one stop sign facing Sutton Way.

DISCUSSION

The horizontal and vertical curves of Beverly Drive in the vicinity of the Los Angeles city boundary line create a visibility problem for the residents of Beverly Drive including patrons of the park and parents dropping off and picking up their children to and from the nursery school located inside the park.

In response to a letter signed by a number of residents of Beverly Drive in both jurisdictions (exhibit attached), staff investigated the placement of an all-way stop control at the subject intersection. A warrant analysis was performed by the City's Traffic Engineer following the procedures established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which is published by the Federal Highway Administration and has been adopted by the State of California as the official reference for traffic and transportation engineering issues within the state. This study revealed that none of the warrants based on traffic volume, approach speed and accident history were satisfied for the installation of an all-way stop.

However, the MUTCD also contains other criteria that may be included in an engineering study for the placement of a stop control, with City Council approval, if the initial warrants relating to traffic volume and accident records are not satisfied. Specifically, Section 2B.07-Option C of the MUTCD indicates:

An all-way stop control may be considered for: "Locations where a road user, after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to reasonably safely negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop".

In this case, the City's Traffic Engineer has determined that under the MUTCD criteria stated above, it is reasonable to place a stop sign and related street markings at the intersection of Beverly Drive and Sutton Way. The placement of stop signs facing both the northbound and southbound traffic on Beverly Drive would provide a more controllable circulation pattern for the residents and park users. Further, stop signs would help to control speeding on Beverly Drive in both jurisdictions.

This study was presented to the Traffic and Parking Commission meeting of January 7, 2010. The Commission unanimously concurred with staff's recommendation for an all-way stop. Since the location of the intersection is adjacent to Coldwater Canyon Park, staff further presented this recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Commission which unanimously supported the all-way stop sign.

Since the intersection of Beverly Drive and Sutton Way is a shared intersection between Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, staff will submit the approval of the City Council to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to proceed with their approval process and coordination to install stop signs.

The residents in the vicinity of Beverly Drive and Sutton Way within Beverly Hills have been notified of City Council review of this matter at the February 16, 2010 formal meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

A total of two signs (a stop sign and a stop-ahead sign) would need to be installed along with street markings at or near the subject intersection. The work will be performed by Beverly Hills Public Works & Transportation staff at minimal cost.



David D. Gustavson
Approved By



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Categorical Exemption

Name of Project Beverly/Sutton Stop Signs

Location Intersection of Beverly Drive and Sutton Drive

Type of Business (if commercial) Not applicable

Project Description Installation of stops on Beverly Drive at Sutton Drive; makes the intersection an all-way stop intersection; proposed for safety reasons.

Applicant's Name City of Beverly Hills Phone 310.285.1000

Applicant's Address 455 North Rexford Drive

City Beverly Hills, California Zip 90210

If different, provide:

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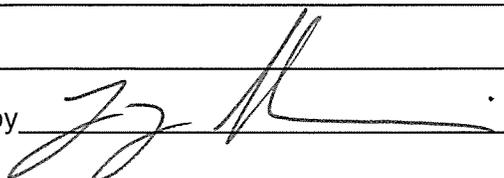
Agent's Address 345 Foothill Road

City Beverly Hills, California Zip 90210

The undersigned, having received this project for processing, has reviewed it for environmental impact and concluded that the project qualifies for a categorical exemption under the procedures adopted by the City of Beverly Hills and no further environmental assessment is necessary.

Applicable Exemption Class 1(c)

Comments Operation of existing public right-of-way; no expansion of use.

Reviewed by  Date February 4, 2010



Proposed placement of stop signs on Beverly Drive at Sutton Way



CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

Placement of an All-way Stop Control at the Intersection of N. Beverly Drive and Sutton Way

At its February 16, 2010 meeting, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills will review a recommendation for establishment of an all-way stop control at the intersection of North Beverly Drive and Sutton Way. As recommended, stop signs will be posted facing northbound traffic on N. Beverly Drive at Sutton Way by the City of Beverly Hills and facing southbound traffic on N. Beverly Drive at Sutton Way by the City of Los Angeles. This issue will be reviewed by the City of Los Angeles at a later date.

You are encouraged to attend the **February 16, 2010** City Council meeting and express your views, or you may mail/fax written comments prior to the meeting to the Department of Public Works and Transportation at the above address. The City Council begins review of the formal agenda at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers in City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive.

If you have any questions in regard to this proposal, please contact the Division of Transportation at (310) 285-2556.

Department of Public Works and Transportation

ATTACHMENT 3

2/5/2010

December 16, 2009

Amy Povich Agus
1117 North Beverly Drive
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Aaron Kunz
City of Beverly Hills
Department of Transportation
345 North Foothill Road
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Dear Aaron,

I have enclosed the stop sign petition and the red curb petition for North Beverly Drive, in preparation for our traffic meeting on January 7, 2010.

Please let me know if anything is incomplete, or that I can be of any help with, as we come closer to our traffic meeting date.

I cannot thank you enough Aaron, for continuing to work on these safety issues with us. As the running track is finalizing its construction, Beverly Hills will be welcoming even more visitors to Coldwater Park area. Addressing the speed issue, and isolating parking with only safe access to and from the park, will be important and necessary safety amendments for both Beverly Hills residents and visitors to the area.

Sincerely,

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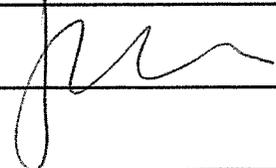
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Petition for Stop Sign on North Beverly Drive at Coldwater Canyon Park

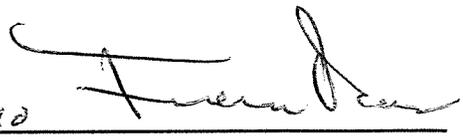
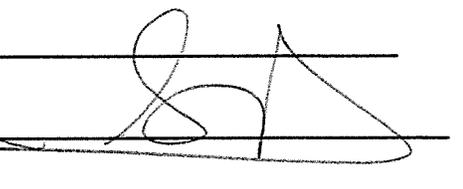
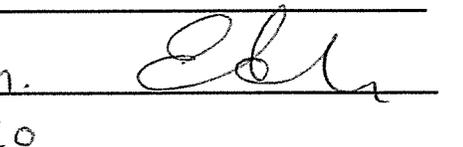
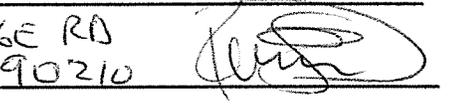
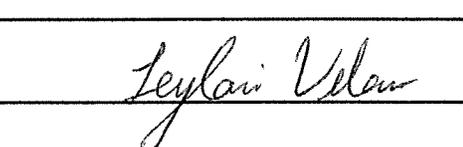
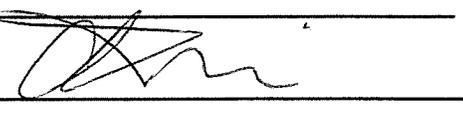
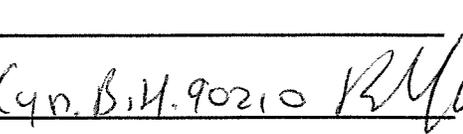
Residents, visitors, and families who frequent Coldwater Canyon Park and Coldwater Canyon Preschool are imploring The City of Beverly Hills to increase traffic and safety measures around the park. The increase in popularity of the park has grown significantly over the years, and with the addition of the soon to be opened running track, we ask the city to install a stop sign directly across from the roundabout to successfully slow down the cars as they reach the park and the preschool, as so many children are present there. We feel the stop sign directly addresses the problem of speed on Beverly Drive, and will successfully provide safer access to the park.

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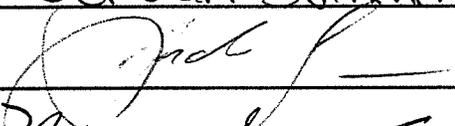
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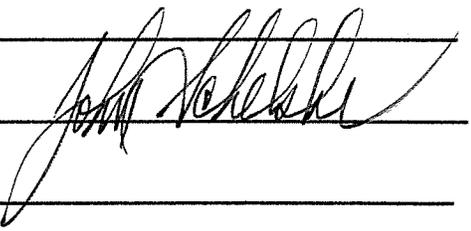
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