



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

Meeting of December 1, 2016

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission

FROM: Bijan Vaziri, RTE, Senior Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Request for an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Gregory Way and Carson Rd (Sherbourne In Los Angeles)

Attachments: A. Notice
B. Photos

Since 2014, staff has received requests from the residents of Carson Rd (200 south block) in Beverly Hills to place a 4-Way stop control at the above intersection. Residents of Los Angeles have submitted similar requests to Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and to their respective Council District office. The City boundary along this intersection is the centerline of Gregory Way. Therefore, placement of stop control requires approval of both jurisdictions. Presently, there is a stop sign facing southbound Carson Road and a stop sign facing northbound Sherbourne Drive (in LA). Attached photos show the four approaches of the intersection. Presently, there are no controls facing Gregory Way.

Since the 1990's there have been a total of "6" boundary intersections that an all-way stop control has been established jointly by the two jurisdictions. Since Los Angeles applies more stringent requirements in approving an all-way stop requests, Beverly Hills generally follows ones that Los Angeles approves. For this particular application, the LADOT has submitted a detailed investigation (copy available for reference). As indicated, none of the primary factors such as stop sign patterns, minimum volume, collision history and speeding appear to be satisfied for designation of an all-way stop control. However, LADOT has approved the stop sign based on the issue of "Restricted Visibility".

Based on staff field review, Beverly Hills approaches do not have the "restricted visibility" for southbound and westbound approaches of this intersection. This could be due to the fact that the land use of Carson Road is single family in Beverly Hills and the land use of Sherbourne Drive is multi-family in Los Angeles which has a concentration of parked cars near the intersection. Staff concurs with LADOT engineers that all-way stop control should be placed particularly, for creation of a consistent stop sign patterns along Gregory Way. Attached aerial photo shows traffic control devices on Gregory Way between Robertson Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard. The traffic controls patterns along Gregory Way (from west to east) are as the following:

Gregory Way and *Robertson Boulevard*: Traffic signal
Gregory Way and *Arnaz/Woodster*: 2 way stop
Gregory Way and *Hamel/Shenandoah*: All-way stop
Gregory Way and *Willaman/Bedford*: All-way stop
Gregory Way and Carson/ Sherbourne: 2 way stop
Gregory Way and *Stanley/Holt*: All-way stop
Gregory Way and *Le Doux*: 2 Way Stop
Gregory Way and *La Cienega*: Traffic signal

Therefore, if Gregory Way and Carson/Sherbourne intersection is designated as an all-way stop, there will be “four intersections in a row along Gregory Way consistent with the same stop control type which would result in an overall reduction of approaching speed along Gregory way and less confusion of the Right of Way. With this perspective, we could conclude that the “Stop sign Pattern” criterion is satisfied. When combined with LADOT’s “restricted visibility”, two criteria are satisfied to establish an all-way stop control.

The nearby Beverly Hills residents of both streets (Carson Road and Gregory Way) have been notified of today’s meeting.

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 7-1.03 A, the Traffic and Parking Commission has the authority and responsibility to designate an intersection requiring a vehicle come to a full stop and installation or removal of any stop sign within the City. The following is the detailed language of this Code:

7-1-3: AUTHORITY OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION:

The traffic and parking commission shall have the authority and responsibility as set forth in title 2, chapter 2, article 7 of this code, and shall perform the following specific functions:

- A. The designation of any intersection requiring a vehicle to come to a full stop, or the installation or removal of any existing stop sign within the city, shall require approval by the traffic and parking commission prior to implementation;*
- B. Hear appeals from any decision of the transportation/engineering official in granting or denying a permit under this title, where an appeal from such decision is appealable to the traffic and parking commission; and*
- C. Perform such other functions and duties as set forth in this title.*

Staff recommends the Traffic and Parking Commission endorses the establishment of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Gregory Way and Carson Road (in Beverly Hills) /Sherbourne Drive (in Los Angeles) based on the final determination letter to be issued by the City of Los Angeles.

A copy of the City of Los Angeles – LADOT guidelines will be available for reference.

ATTACHMENT A



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

All-Way Stop Control Intersection at Gregory Way and Carson Road/Sherbourne Drive

The Traffic & Parking Commission will consider the establishment of an all-way stop control intersection at Gregory Way and Carson Road/Sherbourne Drive, and receive public comment.

MEETING: Traffic & Parking Commission
DATE: Thursday, December 1, 2016
TIME: 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
LOCATION: City Hall, Room 280-A, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The City plans to install an all-way stop control at the City boundary intersection of Gregory Way and Carson Road. The City of Los Angeles has approved the location for an all-way stop as it meets their technical criteria. The all-way stop control is recommended to facilitate pedestrian activity in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons wishing to comment on this item are invited to attend the December 1, 2016 Traffic & Parking Commission meeting and/or submit written comments. Any communication received by the City becomes part of the public record. Please submit correspondence a minimum of one day in advance of the meeting date to allow for routing.

By Email: transportation@beverlyhills.org

By Mail: City of Beverly Hills
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If you would like additional information regarding this proposal, please contact the Transportation Planning & Traffic Engineering Division at (310) 285-1128.



ATTACHMENT B



Looking east- Gregory Way at the intersection of Sherbourne and Carson Rd.



Looking South- On Carson Road (Beverly Hills) at the intersection of Gregory Way



Looking north- On Sherbourne (Los Angeles) at intersection of Gregory Way



Looking west, on Gregory way at the Intersection of Carson Road/Sherbourne Drive

Traffic control devices in the vicinity of Gregory Way and Carson/Sherbourne



S= Signal

2W= 2way stop sign facing southbound and northbound

4W= All-way stop control