



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department of Public Works

DATE: July 21 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 4, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Doug Koenig, P.E., Acting Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Installation of Stop Signs in North Fair Oaks, Redwood City Area;
and Installation of Yield Signs in El Granada, Half Moon Bay Area

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolutions:

1. Authorizing the installation of two new stop signs that direct traffic on 3rd Avenue to stop and yield to traffic on Fair Oaks Avenue in North Fair Oaks, Redwood City Area
2. Authorizing the installation of two new yield signs that direct traffic on Palma Street to yield to traffic on Avenue Cabrillo in El Granada, Half Moon Bay Area

BACKGROUND:

Section 21351 of the California Vehicle Code allows local authorities to install stop signs or yield signs at any location so as to control traffic within an intersection.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed regulatory signs are itemized in Attachment A. Each of the signs proposals meets the Department of Public Works' installation criteria for these items. Staff investigated each site to determine if it warrants additional traffic control. Property owners on adjacent blocks extending a minimum of 300 feet from the proposed sign location were notified of the date and time of the Board's meeting when these items will be considered. In addition, local community groups including the North Fair Oaks Council and the Midcoast Community Council were likewise



notified. The objections and support received to date are summarized in Attachment A.

The location of signs on County maintained streets are currently shown on maps in the Department of Public Works, and will be made available in list form on the Department's web site. The master lists will be updated to reflect the recommended changes if your Board approves the proposed resolution.

Approval of these resolutions contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by assigning right-of-way to the street with higher volume in locations that would benefit from these types of controls.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for staff time involved in evaluating and processing requests for traffic regulations is part of the administrative cost associated with evaluating traffic-related requests involving the County maintained road system, and is financed with Road Funds. The cost of placing a stop or yield sign, legend and limit line markings varies, but averages to approximately \$750 per sign. The cost of these signs and markings will be financed with Road Funds. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment: "A" – Proposed New Traffic Control Devices and Public Input Summary