

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 8 CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: July 9, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STOP CONTROLS ON AVENIDA DESCANSO/CALLE DE CASITAS AT LA MIRADA DRIVE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff and the Transportation Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution to establish stop controls on Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas at La Mirada Drive.

BACKGROUND

Staff was contacted by a resident requesting stop controls at the intersection of Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas and La Mirada Drive to help clarify and assign the right-of-way at an uncontrolled intersection.

ANALYSIS

The intersection of Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas and La Mirada Drive is a four-way intersection in a residential neighborhood. The length of La Mirada Drive between Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas and Asilado Street is over 300 feet. The length of La Mirada Drive between Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas and Lustrosos Street is approximately 200 feet. There is an existing all-way stop at the intersection of La Mirada Drive and Lustrosos Street (see Exhibit A).

Staff reviewed the traffic volume, traffic collision history, and corner sight visibility. There were approximately 800 vehicles that entered the intersection in a 24-hour time-period: approximately 400 vehicles on La Mirada Drive, and approximately 400 vehicles on Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas. In the past four years, there were no reported collisions at the subject intersection. Corner sight visibility is restricted for westbound and eastbound drivers located on La Mirada Road at Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas due to the horizontal alignment of the road.

Staff reviewed the traffic counts and existing corner sight visibility of the La Mirada Drive and Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas intersection and recommends the installation of stop controls on Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas at La Mirada Drive. Drivers stopped on Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas will have better corner sight visibility prior to entering the intersection.

Staff contacted residents in several homes adjacent to the intersection, who supported the installation of the stop controls on Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas at La Mirada Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT

The installation of the proposed two stop signs is approximately \$200.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

At their May 20, 2008, meeting, the Transportation Commission reviewed and approved the proposed stop controls at the subject location.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

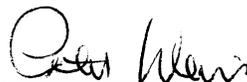
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SUBMITTED BY:



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Peter A. Weiss
City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Michelle Skaggs Lawrence, Deputy City Manager

Paul Pace, Transportation Operations Engineer

Lauren Wasserman, Interim Development Services Director

Scott O. Smith, City Engineer



Attachment: Exhibit A (Location Diagram)
Exhibit B (Letter)

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROLS
4 WITHIN THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

5 (Stop controls on Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas at La Mirada Drive)

6 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Oceanside finds the public health, safety,
7 and welfare will be benefited by establishing certain traffic controls on particular streets within
8 the City of Oceanside.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

10 SECTION 1. There are established stop controls at Avenida Descanso/Calle de Casitas
11 at La Mirada Drive.

12 SECTION 2. Staff is directed to effect the foregoing controls as soon as possible.

13 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
14 this _____ day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

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16 AYES:

17 NAYS:

18 ABSENT:

19 ABSTAIN:
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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25 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

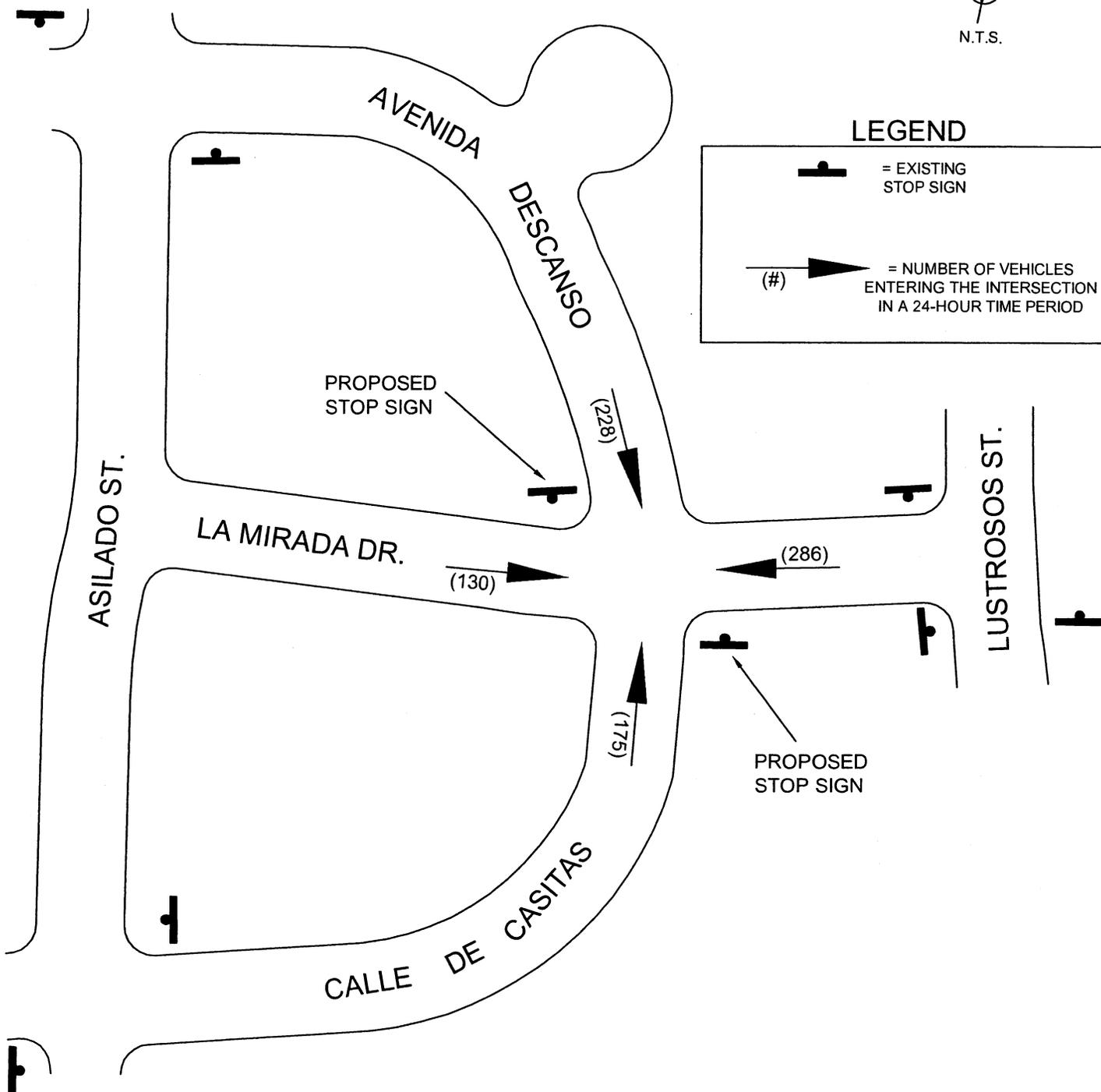
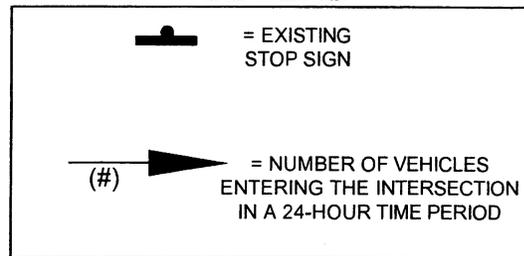
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28 CITY CLERK


CITY ATTORNEY

LOCATION DIAGRAM



LEGEND



PROJECT NAME

PROPOSED STOP CONTROL ON LA
MIRADA DRIVE AT AVENIDA DESCANSO /
CALLE DE CASITAS

EXHIBIT

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348 Avenida Descanso
Oceanside, CA 92057

March 28, 2008

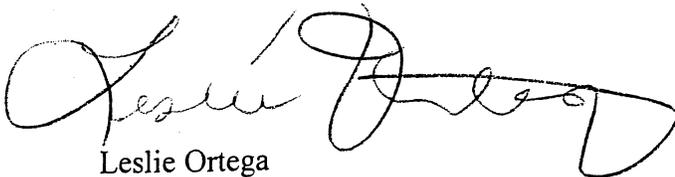
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ENGINEERING DEPT.

Dear Ms. Teala Cotter,

I'm a current resident here in Oceanside. I have come to see a problem with our cross street of La Mirada and Avenida Descanso. There isn't any right of way for the vehicles in any side of the cross streets. People don't know when to stop or who gets the priority to cross, so this makes it very confusing for vehicles that get to this intersection of who gets to go first. I saw that it would really help if the neighborhood had a stop sign on each side of one street that way there won't be any type of confusion for who gets priority to cross the street while driving.

Sincerely,



Leslie Ortega