

# STAFF REPORT



# ITEM NO. 20 CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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DATE: August 17, 2011  
TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Development Services Department  
SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STOP CONTROL ON RIO VISTA DRIVE AT BAJA VISTA DRIVE**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff and the Transportation Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing a stop control on Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Engineering Section received requests from residents living in the subject area for the installation of a stop sign on Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive. The residents informed staff that drivers are not yielding the right-of-way on Rio Vista Drive, at the intersection with Baja Vista Drive, when on route to drop off and pick up their children at Foussat Elementary School.

## **ANALYSIS**

Rio Vista Drive intersects Baja Vista Drive to form a "T" intersection and serves as a main school route to Foussat Elementary School (Refer to Exhibit "A"). Currently, Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive is an uncontrolled intersection. The accident history for this intersection was reviewed and there have been no reported accidents in the last year. The Oceanside Police Department, however, only reports accidents when there has been an injury or if a vehicle is towed away.

The California Vehicle Code, Section 21800(b), states that "When two vehicles enter an intersection from different highways at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on his or her immediate right, except that the driver of any vehicle on a terminating highway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle on the intersecting continuing highway." The definition of a "*terminating highway*" is "a highway which intersects, but does not continue beyond the intersection, with another highway which does continue beyond the intersection." Whether there is a posted stop sign, traffic on the stem of a T-intersection shall yield right-of-way to cross traffic.

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In the field, staff observed numerous motorists not adhering to Section 21800(b) of the California Vehicle Code, thereby causing much confusion at this intersection and making it difficult for the continuing highway traffic to proceed through the intersection. Therefore, based on engineering judgment, staff recommends the establishment of a stop control on Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive to assign the right-of-way at this uncontrolled intersection.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source is Gas Tax and the available balance for account 640621101.5355 is \$223,550. The installation of the proposed stop sign would cost approximately \$300 with an increase in annual maintenance of one work hour; therefore, sufficient funds are available.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Transportation Commission approved the proposed stop control on Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive at its regular meeting on May 17, 2011.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

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

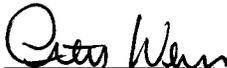
**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff and the Transportation Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing a stop control on Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive.

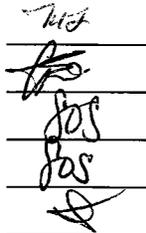
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Attachments:

- Exhibit A – Location Map
- Resolution

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

(Stop control on Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive)

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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 is established a Stop control on Rio Vista Drive at Baja Vista Drive.

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

12 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
13 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by the following vote:

- 14 AYES:  
15 NAYS:  
16 ABSENT:  
17 ABSTAIN:  
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19 \_\_\_\_\_  
20 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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22 ATTEST:  
23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
*Robert J. Sumilton, ASST.*  
CITY ATTORNEY



**PROPOSED STOP CONTROL ON RIO VISTA DRIVE AT  
BAJA VISTA DRIVE**

PROJECT:

EXHIBIT  
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