



AGENDA NO. 8



PLANNING COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2012

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Development Services Department/Transportation Division

SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A 5-MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE ON VIA RANCHO ROAD NORTH OF MESA DRIVE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed 5-Minute Passenger Loading Zone to be established on the west side of Via Rancho Road from Mesa Drive to Via Clemente.

BACKGROUND

A citizen called stating that residents are parking on Via Rancho Road from Mesa Drive to Via Clemente, preventing parents from utilizing the space to pick-up and drop-off students. The residents parking on Via Rancho Road are from an apartment complex, Montecito Village. Back in 2008, staff had the bike lane removed to provide a passenger loading zone on Via Rancho Road in front of Ivey Ranch Elementary. The point of removing the bike lane was to not have the conflict between a bike lane and a loading zone. The goal was that at all times before, during, after school, and on weekends, is that no one will park on Via Rancho Road leaving bicyclists and vehicles to share the road comfortably. Currently, there are constantly vehicles parked on Via Rancho Road throughout the day.

ANALYSIS

Via Rancho Road is classified as a collector street. There are bike lanes on both sides of the road for a majority of Via Rancho Road. On the northwest corner of Via Rancho Road and Mesa Drive is Ivey Ranch Elementary School. The school access is off of Via Rancho Road. On the northeast side of Via Rancho Road at Via Clemente, there is an apartment complex, Montecito Village, where a majority of the Via Rancho Road on-street parking is coming from.

Staff recommends establishing a "5-Minute Passenger Loading Zone" on the west side of Via Rancho Road between the schools exit driveway to Via Clemente during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. (See Exhibit A.) The signs will be supplemented with No Parking signs to clarify that outside of the 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. time frame, no vehicle can park on Via Rancho Road.

FISCAL IMPACT

The installation of the "5-Minute Passenger Loading Zone" sign is approximately \$350.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

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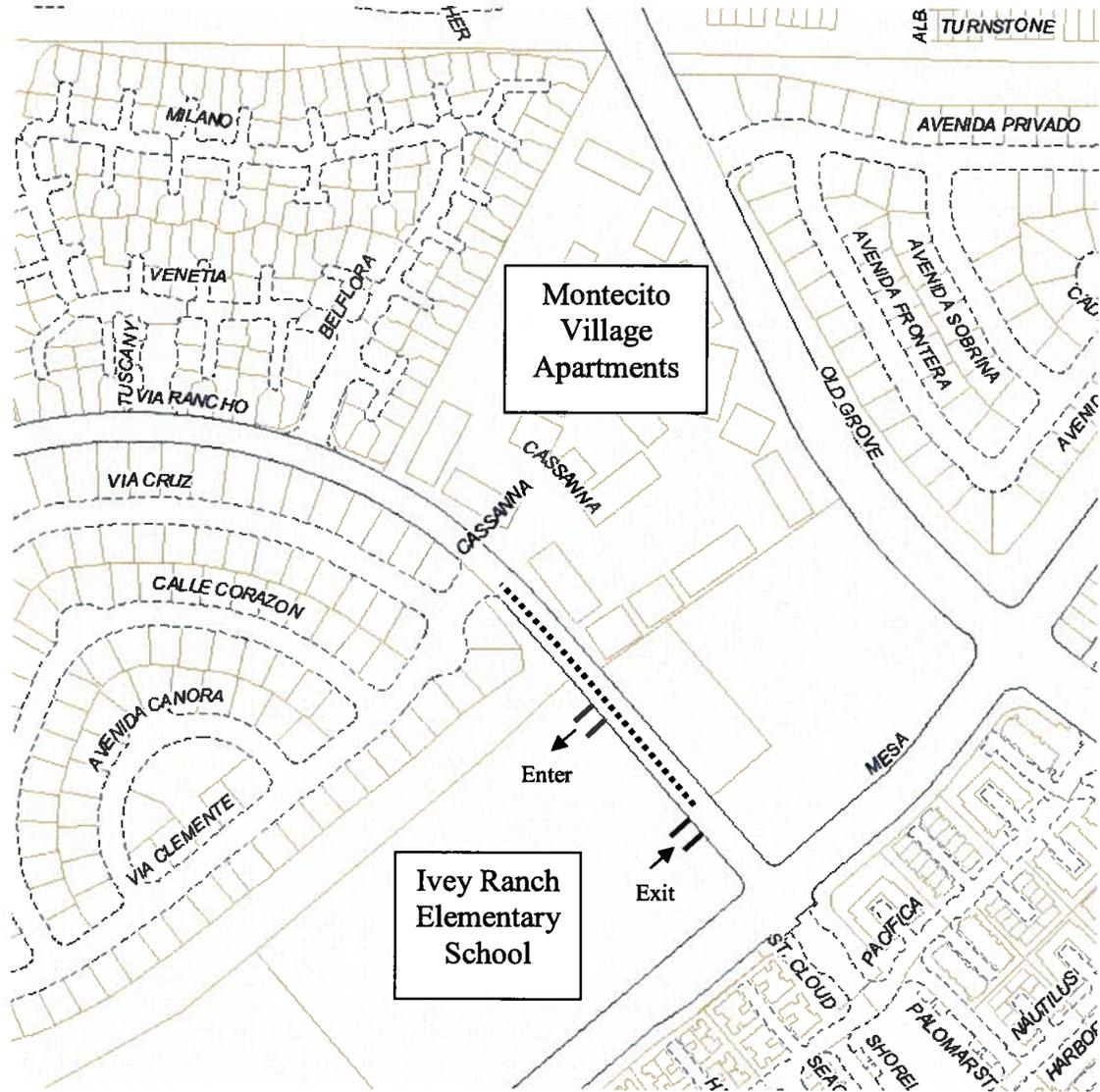
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Attachments:

1. Exhibit "A" (Location Map)



N.T.S.



..... Proposed 5 Minute Passenger Loading Zone
 (On the southwest side only)



PROJECT

**VIA RANCHO ROAD:
 PROPOSED 5 MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE**

EXHIBIT
A