

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY CHULA VISTA
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENT STRIPING
MODIFICATIONS ON HILLTOP DRIVE BETWEEN PALOMAR STREET
AND MAIN STREET FOR TRAFFIC CALMING PURPOSES AND
AUTHORIZING A BIKE LANE ON HILLTOP DRIVE WITHIN THE LIMITS
OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CALMING AREA

WHEREAS, staff completed an Engineering and Traffic Survey (survey) for a segment on Hilltop Drive in accordance with the California Vehicle Code, which indicates that the posting of speed limits be determined by a survey for each street with a posted speed limit within the City; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of this survey, the speed limit on Hilltop Drive, between Palomar Street and E. Rienstra Street should be increased from 30 mph to 35 mph; and

WHEREAS, following staffs' presentation of the results of the survey to the Safety Commission at their public meeting on April 2, 2014, the Safety Commission requested that city staff consider implementing various traffic calming measures including bike lanes and restriping along Hilltop Drive between Palomar Street and E. Rienstra Street; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Safety Commission request, staff created two proposals for traffic calming measures along Hilltop Drive (a 4-narrow lane alternative and a 2-lane alternative) and presented them to the Safety Commission at their meeting on September 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Commission reviewed the proposals for traffic calming measures; and

WHEREAS, based on the review of each alternative, it was determined that the 2-lane alternative, one-lane of traffic in each direction, was more favorable overall to the Safety Commission and would provide the best traffic calming technique; and.

WHEREAS, the preferred alternative reduces the total number of existing through lanes from 4 to 2, one lane in each direction. It also adds bike lanes and a two-way left turn lane median throughout the corridor; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow installation of bike lanes at this location, a resolution is needed regarding the temporary reclassification of Hilltop Drive's bike route to a bike lane within the same limits as the traffic calming segment; and

WHEREAS, the striping changes will provide an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the traffic calming measures on an annual basis until FY2019-20; and

WHEREAS, once the community has had a chance to adjust to the striping changes, city staff will conduct another survey and present a report to the Safety Commission and the City Council, if needed, indicating the recommended posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation and other information in the staff report has been fully considered by the City Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby accept the City Staff's recommendation to implement striping modifications on Hilltop Drive between Palomar Street and Main Street for traffic calming purposes and authorize a bike lane on hilltop drive within the limits of the temporary traffic calming area.

Presented by

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