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Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR  
November 10, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Wengraf  
Subject: Budget Referral -\$20,000 radar speed feedback sign for Wildcat Canyon Road

RECOMMENDATION

Referral to the City Manager for a solar powered radar speed feedback sign to be installed on Wildcat Canyon Road at the cost of \$20,000 to be considered during the Mid-Year Budget Process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$20,000

BACKGROUND

Drag Racing and speeding have increased along Wildcat Canyon Road. Wildcat Canyon Road is a narrow curvy road that runs from Berkeley through Tilden Park. Racing and speeding in the High Hazard Fire Zone is very dangerous as one spark can set off a wildfire during certain weather conditions. Speeding vehicles create danger to the drivers, the pedestrians walking the road, bicyclists cycling the terrain, and it is a significant risk during wildfire season.

On October 21, 2020 Councilmember Wengraf along with Farid Javandel, Director of Transportation, BPD Officer McDougall and Sgt. Rodrigues, and EBRPPD Lieutenant Phulps and Captain Brede, met with Wildcat Canyon neighbors to discuss the situation and create an action plan. Mr. Javandel confirmed the high rates of speed of vehicles racing. EBRP police also confirmed the problem.

Mr. Javandel recommended a solar powered speed feedback sign for the area, in addition to the installation of speed limit signs in a few strategic locations.

A solar powered radar speed feedback sign for Wildcat Canyon Road is a critical piece of a multipronged strategy to reduce the wildfire threat in our Wildland Urban Interface and improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Prevention of wildfire is crucial to achieving our climate action goals.

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