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Vice Mayor of the City of Berkeley

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 28, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Linda Maio

SUBJECT: Budget Referral: Funding to Create a Pedestrian-Activated Crosswalk Across Sacramento Street at the North Berkeley BART Station

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the budget process the funding of pedestrian-activated lights across Sacramento Street at the North Berkeley BART Station.

BACKGROUND:

There is no safe crosswalk on Sacramento at the North Berkeley BART station. Many people have written about the difficulty being seen at dusk and nighttime crossing Sacramento. We were able to put this crosswalk (pedestrian-activated light) on our list of needs for Measure BB, but the staff informs me that that is unlikely to happen until ACTC announces their 5-year CIP funding, and therefore construction may not occur until 2019 or 2020. That is too long. The situation at North Berkeley BART is currently dangerous and must be addressed. This item requests that this item be referred to the budget process to expedite safety at this crossing. Pedestrian-activated lights are installed at Ashby BART, appropriately, to address public safety. Sacramento is a wide and heavily trafficked street and a pedestrian-activated light at North Berkeley BART is needed as soon as possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No environmental sustainability impact.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost of light and installation.

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