CONSENT CALENDAR
May 30, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City
From: Councilmembers Ben Bartlett and Kate Harrison

SUBJECT: Expedite the construction of Beacon Lights at Dwight Way and California Street to take place on the onset of Phase 1 of the Berkeley Bicycle Plan

RECOMMENDATION
Refer to the Transportation Department to expedite the construction of Beacon Lights at Dwight Way and California Street as part of Phase 1 of the Berkeley Bicycle Plan

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
Cost of improvements to be determined.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
No ecological impact.

BACKGROUND
On April 21, 2017, a young child riding his bike sustained moderate injuries at this intersection after colliding into a moving car. The incident highlighted the need to improve pedestrian safety at Dwight and California. Numerous senior citizens who live nearby have voiced safety concerns.

California St. is a designated bicycle boulevard, as well as a corridor that many students use to get to two separate schools. Given the high volume of vulnerable traffic and the history of accidents at this intersection, further safety features would be a significant benefit.

California Street routinely carries a high volume of traffic traveling at high speed. Many children ride down California in both directions during rush hour, on their way to school. This beacon light would enable people riding their bicycles down the heavily trafficked bike boulevard on California to more safely cross Dwight Way. This intersection is of particular concern since as one approaches California Street, a bicycle boulevard from

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the North, there is no crosswalk at the southbound lane.

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