



Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 13, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
Subject: Budget Referral: Installation of Traffic Lights, HAWK Lights, or Stop Sign at California St & Ashby Ave

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the budget process the installation of Traffic Lights, HAWK Lights, or Stop Signs at the intersection of California St & Ashby Ave. If such an installation is approved in the budget process, direct the City Manager and Transportation staff to expedite said installation.

Prior to installation of either Traffic Lights, HAWK Lights or Stop Signs in this location, a traffic study and public hearing must be held to consider the impacts of the proposed improvements. This item urges staff to expeditiously complete all steps necessary to install the improvements immediately after the budget referral is approved.

BACKGROUND

On February 8, 2018, a woman died after an AC Transit bus collided into her vehicle and several nearby homes.<sup>1</sup> This was the most recent in a series of accidents that has occurred at this intersection. Cars often speed in this area, particularly during the early-morning commute, and crashes happen frequently. It is imperative that we improve the traffic conditions and pedestrian safety at dangerous intersections throughout the city.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$10,000-\$400,000 of Staff time.

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<sup>1</sup> Dinkelspiel, Frances. "Woman, 27, dies after AC Transit bus and car collide, crash into Ashby Ave. homes." <https://www.berkeleyside.com/2018/02/08/breaking-ac-transit-district-bus-hit-house-berkeley-sparked-fire/>

