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Councilmember District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 31th, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Kate Harrison, Ben Bartlett and Cheryl Davila
Subject: Budget Referral: Prioritize Installation of Traffic Lights, HAWK Lights, or Stop Signs at the Intersection of Dwight Way and California Street in the 2017 Mid-Year Budget Process

RECOMMENDATION

1. Refer to the 2017 Mid-year budget process the installation of Traffic Lights, HAWK Lights, or Stop Signs at the intersection of Dwight Way and California Street. If such an installation is approved in the budget process, direct the City Manager and Transportation staff to prioritize and expedite said installation.
2. Request that the stoplights on Dwight at the intersections on either side of the Dwight and California intersection be coordinated.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

\$10,000-\$400,000 and staff time.

BACKGROUND

On September 16, 2017, the most recent in a series of crashes involving young bicyclists occurred at the intersection of Dwight and California, a bicycle boulevard and route to a nearby middle and elementary school. Due both to its unusual layout and high levels of youth bicycle traffic, this intersection has proven repeatedly to be a danger to young bicyclists.

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 prioritize completion of all steps necessary to install the improvements immediately after the budget referral is approved. Further, this item requests that staff coordinate the stoplights at the intersections of Spaulding Ave and Dwight Way and Jefferson Ave and Dwight Way, in order to limit two way traffic at the Dwight and California intersection.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Consistent with the City's environmental goals by removing disincentives to bicycling.

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