



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: ~~Prioritize~~ 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 ~~prioritize and~~ 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 ~~prioritize expeditiously complete completion of~~ 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.¹ 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.

¹ 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/>

Financial Implications

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

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