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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

MARCH 13, 2007

Numerous locations in the 5<sup>th</sup> District do not have the necessary traffic controls to accommodate efficient flow of traffic or safely protect drivers and pedestrians. The County must implement all reasonable measures to move traffic efficiently and protect the safety of our residents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Public Works to install:

- A 4-way traffic signal at Cienega Avenue and Glendora Avenue in Charter Oak. A substantial number of school-children from the adjacent Cedargrove Elementary School cross at this intersection. My staff has observed drivers ignoring both the stop signs and the school's crossing guard. The intersection is not far from other schools in the area, thereby increasing the number of pedestrians at this intersection. As the intersection is jurisdictionally shared, staff is directed to consult with the City of Covina prior to installing the traffic signal.
- Left-turn arrows on the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta. Foothill is the primary east-west arterial in La Crescenta, and the County has already installed left-turn arrows at other major streets (Pennsylvania Avenue, La Crescenta Avenue, Briggs Avenue, and Ocean View Boulevard) that intersect Foothill.
- Acceleration and deceleration lanes on the south side of Escondido Canyon at the entry gate to the Vasquez Rocks County Park in Agua Dulce. Vasquez Rocks is a popular park that is visited by residents from throughout the County. Drivers along Escondido often travel at a high rate of speed, and the new lanes will make it easier for park visitors to avoid the main flow of traffic along Escondido Canyon when entering or leaving Vasquez Rocks.

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- “Stop ahead” signs along both sides of Santa Catarina Road between Franks Way and Plum Canyon Road in unincorporated Santa Clarita. This area is adjacent to Plum Canyon Elementary School. Although there is a stop sign at the intersection of Santa Catarina Road and Franks Way, witnesses report that many drivers ignore the stop signs.
- A traffic signal at 70<sup>th</sup> Street East and Palmdale Boulevard. Both streets experience high volumes of traffic, and a substantial number of school-children from the adjacent Pete Knight High School cross at this intersection. As the intersection is jurisdictionally shared, staff is directed to consult with the City of Palmdale prior to installing the traffic signal.

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March 12, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor  
FROM: Donald L. Wolfe *DLW*  
Director of Public Works

**BOARD MOTION OF MARCH 13, 2007  
AGENDA ITEM 60-B  
VARIOUS TRAFFIC CONTROL RELATED ITEMS**

This is in response to the Motion by Supervisor Antonovich directing Public Works to install various traffic control devices in the Fifth Supervisorial District. Should the Motion be approved, Public Works does not have a schedule for the implementation of the projects at this time. The projects would be funded using road funds allocated to the Fifth Supervisorial District. We are uncertain at this time if sufficient funding is available to the Fifth Supervisorial District. Consistent with the Board's adopted policy, I am informing you of the following:

Traffic signal at Cienega Avenue and Glendora Avenue: Public Works did not perform a traffic engineering study of the intersection. The study would have disclosed if any of the nationally-recognized warrants used to determine the need for traffic signals were satisfied. This intersection is jurisdictionally shared with the City of Covina. I recommend that a study be performed at this location and the City of Covina be consulted prior to any modification.

Left-turn arrows on the existing traffic signal at Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard: Public Works performed a traffic engineering study of the intersection in November 2005. The study disclosed that the need to install left-turn arrows on the existing traffic signal at this intersection was not satisfied. I recommend that a current left-turn study be conducted to determine the need for left-turn arrows for each approach.

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Acceleration/Deceleration lanes on Escondido Canyon Road at Vasquez Rocks County Park: Public Works did not perform a traffic engineering study of the location. The study would have determined if there was a need to install acceleration and deceleration lanes on Escondido Canyon Road at Vasquez Rocks County Park. I recommend that a study be performed at this location to determine the need for the installation of these lanes.

Stop Ahead signs approaching Franks Way at Santa Catarina Road: Public Works did not previously review this location for Stop Ahead signs. I will direct my staff to review this location and, if appropriate, we can anticipate the installation of these signs in approximately 4 weeks.

Traffic signal at 70th Street East and Palmdale Boulevard: Public Works did not perform a traffic engineering study of the intersection. The study would have disclosed if any of the nationally-recognized warrants used to determine the need for traffic signals were satisfied. This intersection is jurisdictionally shared with the City of Palmdale. I recommend that a study be performed at this location and the City of Palmdale be consulted prior to any modification.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact William H. Higley, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4016.

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