

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Community and Economic Development Agency
DATE: June 24, 2008

RE: **Resolution Approving The Installation Of Stop Signs On 4th Street
At Webster Street**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared approving the installation of stop signs on Webster Street at 4th Street, making the intersection an all-way stop.

Section 10.12.110 of the Oakland Municipal Code authorizes the Traffic Engineer, by Council resolution, to install stop signs at intersections or railroad crossings.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The cost to install the two stop signs and associated pavement markings is approximately \$1,000.00. Funds are available in the Community and Economic Development Agency, Transportation Services Division's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (C268510), Measure B Fund (2211), Organization (30262).

BACKGROUND

Staff received requests from Jack London District residents and the Police Department to investigate the intersection of 4th Street and Webster Street for pedestrian and automobile safety. Webster Street is currently stop-controlled at 4th Street, but 4th Street traffic does not have to stop. Staff conducted a site study which showed that on 4th Street, autos do not have a required stop for five consecutive blocks, from Broadway to Jackson Street. As a result, drivers are less alert to yield to pedestrians who need to cross 4th Street, many of whom do so at its intersection with Webster Street.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Placing stop signs on 4th Street at Webster Street will improve safety for all road users by clarifying right-of-way and providing pedestrians a safer crossing of 4th Street.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no sustainable economic opportunities resulting from the proposed stop signs.

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Environmental: The proposed stop signs may increase air and noise pollution and fuel consumption at the subject intersections. However, the advantage of improved traffic and pedestrian safety outweigh these disadvantages.

Social Equity: The proposed stop signs will improve neighborhood walk ability.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The proposed stop signs will enhance the safety for disabled and senior citizens at the intersection of 4th Street and Webster Street.

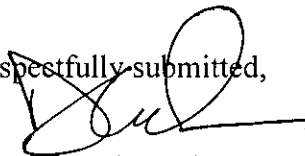
RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends approval of the resolution allowing the installation of stop signs on 4th Street at Webster Street.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



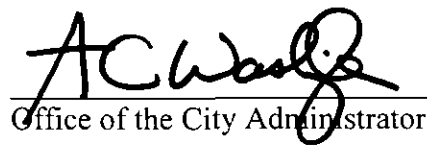
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:


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Patrick Tan
City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON 4THTH STREET AT WEBSTER STREET

WHEREAS, Jack London District residents and the Police Department have requested the Transportation Services Division to investigate traffic safety, specifically pedestrian safety, at the intersection of 4th Street and Webster Street; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Services Division staff investigated the site conditions and the accident history of this intersection; and

WHEREAS, OMC Section 10.12.110 authorizes the Transportation Services Manager, by Council resolution, to install stop signs at intersections or railroad crossings based on engineering standards and practices; and

WHEREAS, funds totaling \$1,000.00 are available to implement the stop signs and associated pavement markings in the Measure B Fund (2211), Transportation Services Organization (30262), Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program Project (C268510); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the installation of stop signs on 4th Street at Webster Street is hereby approved:

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California