



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF BROADWAY AND SUNNYSLOPE AVENUE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

City staff received a request to add two additional stop signs in each direction on Broadway at the intersection with Sunnyslope Avenue in order to convert it into a permanent four-way stop.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing a four-way stop at the intersection of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue.

Background

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from a Belmont citizen to install two additional stop signs on Broadway at Sunnyslope Avenue. Currently, two stop signs exist in each direction on Sunnyslope Avenue at the intersection with Broadway, but none exist on Broadway. The request emphasized the existing traffic pattern does not provide sufficient safety for the vehicles crossing Broadway heading northbound and southbound on Sunnyslope Avenue. Since the vehicles from Broadway are not required to stop at this intersection, vehicles entering the intersection from Sunnyslope Avenue are often at risk for a collision with vehicles traveling on Broadway.

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed this request, performed a field investigation, checked accident data and reviewed conformance of the intersection with the Multiple-Way Stop Sign Guidelines adopted by the City Council on July 22, 2003.

Discussion

After summarizing collected data, the PTSC notified all residents within 300-foot radius of the intersections of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue about the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting. Two types of notifications were used: letters and Teleminder. The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee met with residents on November 17th at its regularly scheduled meeting. Residents who could not attend the meeting submitted letters to express their views on the issue. The staff presented their findings and discussed the conformance with the Multiple-Way Stop Sign Guidelines during the meeting.

The following conditions to justify a four-way stop were met:

1. Traffic and Pedestrian Volumes
2. Accidents
3. Visibility
4. Residential Area
 - (a) Both streets have residential frontage with existing 25 mph speed limits
 - (b) Neither street is an adopted through street
 - (c) Both streets are two-lane streets
 - (d) Intersection has four legs, with streets extending 600 feet or more away from the intersection on at least three sides.

City staff will also contact the property owners at the northwest corner of Broadway/Sunnyslope Avenue asking them to trim vegetation and overgrown shrubs on their property to improve sight distance at the corner.

All residents present at the PTSC were in favor of the four-way stop at the intersection of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue. City staff received one letter opposing installation of the two additional stop signs.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs. Costs will be paid from the existing appropriation in the FY 2006 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda and mailing notices to the properties within a 300-foot radius.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving establishment of a four-way stop at the intersection of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A – Aerial of Location

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING
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SUNNYSLOPE AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from a Belmont citizen to install two additional stop signs on Broadway at Sunnyslope Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee reviewed this request, performed, a field investigation, checked accident data and reviewed the conformance of the intersection with the Multiple-Way Stop Sign Guidelines adopted by the City Council on July 22, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee notified all residents within 300-foot radius of the intersections of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue by letters and Teleminder about the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee met with residents on November 17th to discuss the issue; and,

WHEREAS, the residents were in favor of the four-way stop at the intersection of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue, one letter was received in opposition to the installation of two additional stop signs; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee recommends approving establishment of a four-way stop at the intersection of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves the establishment of a four-way stop at the intersection of Broadway and Sunnyslope Avenue.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on January 10, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont



SUNNYSLOPE AVENUE

BROADWAY

PROPOSED STOP
SIGNS AND LEGENDS

EXHIBIT A
PROPOSED STOP SIGNS AND LEGENDS

1" = 30'



12/16/2005