



Staff Report

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PORTION OF FLASHNER LANE IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF RALSTON AVENUE TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

City Council provided direction to staff at their September 12, 2006 Council meeting to convert Flashner Lane immediately north of Ralston Avenue from two-way operation to one-way in the northbound direction.

Background

There are a number of problems associated with the existing configuration of Flashner Lane immediately north of Ralston Avenue associated with two-way traffic. Vehicles turning left onto Ralston Avenue from Flashner are required to cross between two and six traffic lanes that are frequently blocked by vehicle queues waiting for the El Camino traffic signal to turn green. In addition, these vehicles also block Flashner Lane making it difficult for vehicle drivers to make a right turn from Ralston Avenue onto Flashner Lane. This frequently creates queues that back through the intersection of El Camino. These traffic movements create a potential dangerous situation and need corrective action.

Discussion

As discussed earlier, at their September 12, 2005 meeting, the City Council reviewed the options of closing 1) Flashner Lane completely, 2) converting Flashner Lane to one-way northbound, 3) converting Flashner Lane to one-way southbound. Council selected the Option 2 converting Flashner Lane to one-way northbound.

Flashner Lane functions more as a circulation aisle for the Walgreen's parking lot than a City street. Therefore, it is not practical to convert all of Flashner Lane to be one-way northbound. The segment of Flashner that can be converted to one-way northbound is the 30-feet of Flashner Lane immediately north of Ralston Avenue to the first aisle of the Walgreen's parking lot.

Upon Council approval, City staff will install pavement markings and the appropriate traffic signs to clearly designate the 30-foot segment of Flashner Lane as being one-way northbound.

General Plan/Vision Statement

There is no impact from this report.

Fiscal Impact

There is no financial impact. City staff can implement the changes using their existing operations budget.

Public Contact

The Council Agenda was posted.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council adopt the resolution establishing a portion of Flashner Lane immediately north of Ralston Avenue to one-way northbound.

Alternatives

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

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, City Council provided direction to staff on September 12, 2006 to convert Flashner Lane immediately north of Ralston Avenue from two-way operation to one-way in the northbound direction; and,

WHEREAS, City Council reviewed options for Flashner Lane choosing the option to convert Flashner Lane to one-way northbound; and,

WHEREAS, the segment of Flashner Lane that can be converted to one-way northbound is the 30-feet of Flashner Lane immediately north of Ralston Avenue to the first aisle of the Walgreen’s parking lot; and,

WHEREAS, City staff will install pavement markings and the appropriate traffic signs to clearly designate the 30-foot segment of Flashner Lane as being one-way northbound.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City Belmont approves a portion of Flashner Lane immediately north of Ralston to a one-way northbound configuration.

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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 October 24, 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