



Pearblossom Dr. and Sycamore Canyon Blvd. – Traffic Circulation Pilot Project

Public Works Department

Transportation Committee
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BACKGROUND

- Public Works has collaborated with the University Knolls Neighborhood to develop solutions to address cut-through traffic and resulting concerns.
- Cut-through traffic was predominantly occurring through the residential neighborhoods on Pearblossom Drive and University Drive.



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PRIOR SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED

- Previously implemented measures include:
 1. Traffic Enforcement;
 2. Signing and Striping Improvements;
 3. Installation of Multi-way Stops;
 4. Adoption of a 15 MPH speed limit on University Drive;
 5. Implementation of peak hour turn restrictions on El Cerrito and Canyon Crest Drives at Pearblossom Drive.



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ONGOING TRAFFIC CONCERNS

- Despite implemented improvements and enforcement efforts, both neighborhoods continued to report experiencing cut-through and related traffic concerns.
- On May 16, 2016, staff met with residents at a neighborhood meeting to review options for additional calming measures.



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PROPOSED PILOT PROJECT

- A 4-month pilot project would prohibit ingress from El Cerrito onto Pearblossom and Sycamore Canyon and entail:
 1. Use of temporary improvements to allow exit only;
 2. Project evaluation to assess impacts to traffic and other City services;
 3. Follow-up neighborhood meeting to obtain public input and gauge support for permanent improvements.



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PEARBLOSSOM AT EL CERRITO PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS EXHIBIT



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SYCAMORE CANYON AT EL CERRITO PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS EXHIBIT



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TRANSPORTATION BOARD CONSIDERATION

- On June 1, 2016, the Transportation Board considered the proposed traffic circulation pilot project.
- Board members voted four to one in favor of recommending the proposed project.

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RECOMMENDATION

- That the Committee recommend that the City Council approve the proposed 4-month traffic circulation pilot project to limit access to Pearblossom and Sycamore Canyon to egress (exit only) to reduce cut-through traffic through the neighborhoods.



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