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TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: MICHAEL G. LEE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJ: TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CLARIFYING INFORMATION THE BOARD
REVIEWS AND TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN ESTABLISHING STOP
INTERSECTIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached Ordinance Amendment clarifying information the Board reviews and takes into consideration when establishing stop intersections.

BACKGROUND:

The current Ordinance states that a stop intersection may be established by the Board upon the basis of a traffic engineering investigation. The current method of traffic engineering investigation the Public Works Department uses is determined by warrants as specified in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The main information considered in the warrants includes vehicle volumes going into the intersection, the 85th percentile vehicle speed, and collisions from the previous 12 months that could be correctible with a stop intersection. The MUTCD suggests that one of its identified warrants be met in order for an intersection to be justifiable as a stop intersection.

DISCUSSION:

Per the California Vehicle Code, the Board of Supervisors has the authority to establish stop intersections even if a traffic engineering investigation is conducted, but the warrants are not satisfied. This Ordinance Amendment will help clarify the information the Board may consider when determining the appropriateness of establishing a stop intersection. In addition to the MUTCD warrant study, the Board may consider traffic collision history for a longer period than just the previous 12 months, severity of traffic collisions/injuries, vehicle speed, or any other pertinent facts or data that are relevant.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Land Use & Public Works Committee reviewed this item and recommends approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.