

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2019-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A LANE REDUCTION ON HILLTOP DRIVE, BETWEEN EAST RIENSTRA STREET AND MAIN STREET FROM FOUR LANES TO TWO LANES AS A PILOT STUDY TO BE REVERSED SHOULD FUTURE TRAFFIC VOLUME REQUIRE

WHEREAS, the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Major Pavement Rehabilitation Phase II FY2018-19 (STM0396) project will be performing pavement rehabilitation on Hilltop Drive between East Rienstra Street and Main Street (the “Segment”); and

WHEREAS, the Segment currently has two southbound lanes and two northbound lanes with parking permitted on both sides for the majority of the Segment; and

WHEREAS, vehicles attempting to turn left to a driveway on the Segment must stop in traffic to do so; and

WHEREAS, a similar lane reduction was performed north of the Segment on Hilltop Drive from Palomar Street to East Rienstra Street has improved conditions for the safety of bicycles and pedestrians without impeding traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, existing traffic volume obtained in November 2018 indicate that the traffic volumes on the Segment are sufficiently low such that they can be conveyed safely and efficiently with one travel lane in each direction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed striping plans will maintain dedicated right turn and/or left turn lanes, as applicable, at the East Rienstra Street, Orange Avenue, and Main Street intersections; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of the two-way left turn lane will allow vehicles turning left into driveways to safely exit the through lanes before turning; and

WHEREAS, some residents along the Segment have notified the City of illegally parked semi-trucks idling along the southerly portions of the Segment near Tourmaline Street; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its investigation, staff is proposing the following for consideration by the Safety Commission: modification to the Segment lane count from one southbound parking lane, two southbound travel lanes, two northbound travel lanes, and one northbound parking lane (“Existing Road Section”) to (Option 1) one southbound parking lane, one southbound bike lane with buffer, one southbound travel lane, one two-way left turn lane, one northbound travel lane, one northbound bike lane with buffer, and one northbound parking lane along the length of the segment with the exception of portions of the segment approaching major intersections, and the portion of the Segment south of Tourmaline Street would have no

parking, one southbound bike lane with buffer, one southbound travel lane, a raised median with openings for turning vehicles, one northbound travel lane, one northbound bike lane with buffer; (Option 2) same as Option 1 except the portion of the Segment south of Tourmaline Street would have no parking, one southbound bike lane with buffer, one southbound travel lane, a painted center median with openings for turning vehicles, one northbound travel lane, one northbound bike lane with buffer; or (Option 3) same as Option 1 except the number of lanes on the portion of the Segment south of Tourmaline Street would not be changed and on-street parking would continue to be permitted; and

WHEREAS, as a pilot study, traffic volumes and flow patterns on the Segment will be monitored, and the proposed change will be reversed to restore existing conditions should traffic volumes and patterns necessitate the reversal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista does hereby approve staff's proposed change to existing operations along the Segment in the form of Option _____ as described above, to be monitored and potentially reversed should new traffic volume indicate that two lanes in each direction are required in the subject Segment should the Existing Road Section not be maintained.

ACTION by the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista, California, this 5th day of June 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners:
NAYS: Commissioners:
ABSENT: Commissioners:

Ronald Hidinger, Chair

ATTEST:

Florence Picardal, Secretary