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Meeting Date: July 13, 2011

TOWN OF MORAGA **STAFF REPORT**

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Moraga Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

By: Jill A. Mercurio, Public Works Director/Town Engineer

Subject: Report from the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Regarding Crosswalk Improvements on Moraga Road at Corliss Dive and at Woodford Drive

Request

Accept the Traffic safety Advisory Committee’s recommendation to approve the crosswalk improvements project as proposed by the Town of Moraga for the crosswalk located on Moraga Road at Corliss Drive and the crosswalk located on Moraga Road at Woodford Drive.

Background

In January 2009, the Town applied for a Transportation Development Act - Article 3 grant to install high visibility crosswalks at two intersections – Moraga Road at Woodford, and Moraga Road at Corliss.

The Town had requested funding for solar-powered, pedestrian-activated, in-pavement flashing warning lights, and advanced warning beacons to improve safety and access at both crosswalks. Additionally, the Town would perform all necessary ADA compliance improvements for the intersections.

In July 2009, the Town learned that it had been granted \$84,000 of the TDA funds for this work.

The Town used its on-call contract with Fehr & Peers to prepare some simple plans and specifications for the improvements. However, when the ADA improvements were designed, it became evident that the drainage systems may be compromised, and required additional design work. In March 2011, the Town

1 sent a Request for Proposals for the new design work. In April 2011, the Town
 2 Council awarded the design contract for the project to Harrison Engineering, Inc.
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 4 The Council's approval on April 13 allowed the project to continue with
 5 preparation of project design and details to present to the community at an
 6 upcoming TSAC meeting. The tentative schedule presented to Council in late
 7 April 2011 for continuation of the project showed the following:
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April 2011	Notify the Moraga Police Department and the Moraga Orinda Fire District of the proposed project and request review and comment on the proposed project.
May 2011	Hold a workshop to present the proposed project to hear public input, review and refine the plan, as necessary.
May/June 2011	Conduct the petition of adjacent and impacted properties.
June/July 2011	Present the petition results at a TSAC meeting for deliberation and public comment. Determine recommendation to the Town Council.
Late summer 2011	Submit the proposed project to the Town Council to hear public and staff input, and vote on approval of the project.
Fall 2011	Complete the project design.
Winter 2011/12	Bid project.
Spring 2012	Construction.
June 30, 2012 (no later than, per funding requirements)	Project Completion.

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 11 All items are completed to the current date, and the TSAC recommendation is
 12 being presented to Council in July rather than late summer 2011.

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 14 **Discussion**

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 16 Letters were sent to residents within 300 feet of the intersections, and A-frames
 17 were posted ten days prior to the meeting to notify anyone interested in the
 18 project of the public workshop regarding the project.

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 20 A dozen residents attended the public workshop on May 25, 2011, where staff
 21 presented the proposed project and answered questions. Petitions were
 22 available at the meeting for residents to sign, and several residents offered to
 23 take the petitions to their neighborhoods and collect the requisite signatures.
 24 The petition results are:

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Moraga Road at Corliss Drive

	Total	Approve of Project	TCG	Actual
Adjacent to the improvements	3	3	75%	100%
Impacted residents	10	9	70%	90%
Others	NA	38	NA	NA

Moraga Road at Woodford Drive

	Total	Approve of Project	TCG	Actual
Adjacent to the improvements	3	3	75%	100%
Impacted residents	12	9	70%	75%
Others	NA	6	NA	NA

At both locations, the number of residents approving of the improvements exceeds the targets listed in the Traffic Calming Guide.

Fiscal Impact

The Town has budgeted adequate funding for this project in the 2011-2012 Capital Improvement Program budget.

Recommendation(s)

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Report reviewed by: Jill Keimach, Town Manager

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