

**CITY OF DANA POINT
AGENDA REPORT**

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DATE: MARCH 12, 2003

TO: CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON VIA
CALIFORNIA AT VIA GOMEZ TO CREATE AN ALL-WAY STOP**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council (1) approve the installation of stop signs on Via California at Via Gomez, creating an all-way stop; and (2) direct staff to implement the installation of the stop signs as soon as possible.

ISSUES:

There have been numerous inquiries during the past few years regarding the need for additional stop signs on Via California at various locations to create all-way stops. Based on those inquiries, it would be appropriate for the City Council to consider approving the installation of stop signs on Via California at Via Gomez, creating an all-way stop.

BACKGROUND:

The intersection of Via California and Via Gomez is a "tee" intersection with stop signs only on the westbound leg of the intersection (on Via Gomez). Via California is a through street and presently allows free movements not controlled by stop signs. The proposed stop sign would improve safety on Via California for the following reasons:

1. Via California is a long, narrow street not interrupted by stop signs.
2. Via California was constructed to include the presence of vertical and horizontal curves that may have contributed to the types of accidents that have occurred there.

DISCUSSION:

Staff, with the assistance of the Chief of Police Services, evaluated Via California between Camino El Molino and Camino Capistrano. Based on that evaluation, it was determined that the best location for a stop sign is at Via Gomez due to sight distances and other street conditions. This intersection, however, does not meet generally accepted traffic volume warrants or accident warrants for placement of a stop sign. There have been eight (8) accidents at various locations on Via California from Camino El Molino (north City limit) and Camino Capistrano in the last three years. Seven (7) of those eight (8) accidents involved vehicles hitting parked cars on Via California.

Based on the accident history and length of Via California, as well as the City’s desire to protect the public, staff recommends that Council consider approving the installation of stop signs on Via California at Via Gomez, creating an all-way stop. There is already a stop sign on Via Gomez at Via California. By installing the stop signs, the City cannot guarantee that accidents will not occur at this location, but the potential for accidents along Via California would be reduced.

NOTIFICATION/FOLLOW-UP:

None

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

In compliance with the Strategic Plan Initiative to maintain, modernize and beautify the City’s infrastructure and neighborhoods, this project’s goal is to install an all-way stop at Via California and Via Gomez.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The overall cost of the proposed stop signs at Via California at Via Gomez should not exceed \$1,000. The proposed work can be funded from the Public Works operating budget.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

1. Do not install additional stop signs on Via California at Via Gomez.
2. Other Council directed action.

ACTION DOCUMENTS:

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENT A: Location Map

