

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Traffic Island at Crest Drive and Lincoln Street

Meeting Date: September 8, 2014
Department: Public Works Engineering
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session is in response to a work session poll requested by Councilor Betty Taylor regarding the traffic island at the intersection of Crest Drive and Lincoln Street. Specifically, the following issues were raised in the work session poll –

- Could we eliminate it or narrow it?
- It is dangerous - especially in bad weather, and it is on a much-traveled part of Crest, since many people use it to access Wayne Morse Farm for meetings and for the dog park.

BACKGROUND

The traffic island at the intersection of Crest Drive and Lincoln Street was constructed in 2010 as part of the Crest Drive, Storey Boulevard and Friendly Street improvement project. The design of the street improvements, including the traffic island, were part of the context-sensitive solutions process led by the Crest Drive Community Team. The design of the street improvements was approved by the City Council after a public hearing.

The street improvements were funded by a combination of City funds and assessments to the abutting property owners. The traffic-calming features, including the traffic island, were funded with City funds. The General Fund was the source for City funds since the streets were functionally classified as local streets and not eligible for funding with transportation systems development charges.

State law requires that any vehicle crash that results in death or bodily injury or greater than \$1,500 damage to any vehicle or property, or any vehicle involved is towed from the scene, must be reported. The most recent crash history documentation available to the City is 2012. From the completion of construction through the end of 2012 there has not been any reported crashes at the intersection of Crest Drive and Lincoln Street.

The cost to remove the traffic island and repave the street is estimated at \$16,000.

The chair of the Crest Drive Citizens Association (CDCA) was notified of the work session by e-mail on July 18, 2014. An article on the work session was included in the CDCA electronic newsletter sent on July 20, 2012. Staff have not received any public comment on the work session topic.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

TransPlan Policies

- TSI System-Wide Policy # 4 Neighborhood Livability – Support transportation strategies that enhance neighborhood livability.
- TSI Roadway Policy #1 Mobility and Safety for all Modes – Address the mobility and safety needs of motorists, transit users, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the needs of emergency vehicles when planning and constructing roadway system improvements.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

This is an informational work session, no action is required at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

No action is required on this item.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No action is required on this item.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Photo of the Traffic Island at Crest Drive and Lincoln Street

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