

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Public Comment on Potential Removal of Traffic Island at Crest Drive and Lincoln Street

Meeting Date: October 20, 2014
Department: Public Works Engineering
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Agenda Item Number: 1
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an opportunity for the council to hear from community members about a proposal to remove the traffic island at the intersection of Crest Drive and Lincoln Street. Councilor Betty Taylor requested consideration of this action in response to constituent concerns that the current configuration is dangerous, especially in bad weather.

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, was 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 council held a work session on October 13, 2014, to discuss the proposed modification. 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 has not received any public comment on this topic to-date.

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

The council may approve the removal of the traffic island, decline to take any action, or provide other direction.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No motion is suggested for this item.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Photo of traffic island at Crest Drive and Lincoln Street

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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