



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

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Agenda Date: 2/15/2024

2024 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

NUMBER

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TITLE Evaluate an Ordinance or Resolution Allowing Traffic Enforcement on Private Roadways in the Moffett Park Specific Plan Area

BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Department of Public Safety

Support Departments: Office of the City Manager
Office of the City Attorney
Department of Public Works

Sponsor(s): Councilmembers: Melton, Klein, Din, Mehlinger, Cisneros, Srinivasan, Sell

History: 1 year ago: N/A
2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What precipitated this Study?

At the July 25, 2023 City Council meeting, Councilmember Melton sponsored a Study Issue to research an ordinance or a resolution to apply California Vehicle Code Sections (CVC) 21107.5, 21107.6 and 21107.7 to private roads in and around the Moffett Park Specific Plan Area for the purpose of enabling the Department of Public Safety to provide law enforcement. Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Din, and Council members Mehlinger, Srinivasan and Sell co-sponsored the Study Issue.

Traffic enforcement is an essential component of the Council-approved Vision Zero Plan. In July 2019, City Council approved a Vision Zero Plan for Sunnyvale (RTC No. 19-0298). The Vision Zero Plan's long-range goal is to eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries from collisions. One prong of this goal is enforcement. Sunnyvale has private roadways, which are generally held open for use by the public for vehicular traffic within the Moffett Park Specific Plan Area. For the Department of Public Safety to enforce the CVC on privately owned streets, the CVC requires that City Council adopt a resolution or ordinance allowing such enforcement.

What are the key elements of the Study?

The Study will examine the City's ability to enforce state and local traffic regulations on private roads within the Moffett Park Specific Plan Area. Although the City is generally not authorized to apply the provisions of the CVC to private roads, Sections 21107.5, 21107.6 and 21107.7 authorizes application of the CVC under specified conditions.

This Study would focus on identifying private roads within the Moffett Park Specific Plan Area and identifying the process needed to implement enforcement. It would identify what professional traffic

analysis and surveys are needed to determine enforceable speed limits and the required corresponding signage. The Study would also include an assessment of the costs associated with enforcing private roadways including personnel costs, signage, and ancillary support. Public outreach would be conducted to solicit feedback from community members, property owners, and project stakeholders to determine support of enforcement on private roads.

Estimated years to complete study: 1 year

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost):	Moderate
Funding Required for Non-Budgeted Costs:	\$0
Funding Source:	N/A

Community outreach would need to be conducted to gauge public support for or against regulating enforcement of private roadways within the Moffett Park Specific Plan Area.

Cost to Implement Study Results

Unknown. The Study would include an assessment of potential and anticipated costs resulting from enforcement including implementation, personnel costs, signage and periodic traffic analysis and surveys.

EXPECTED CITY COUNCIL, BOARD OR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION

Council-Approved Work Plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: No

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Support. This policy issue merits discussion at the 2024 Study Issues Workshop.

Providing enforcement on private roadways within the Moffett Park Specific Plan can potentially improve traffic safety upon these roadways. The Study Issue has merit and should be explored, as it is consistent with the Council approved Vision Zero Plan and its goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries resulting from collisions.

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