SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 10-2001 - INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT - DESIGNATION OF OLIVE AVENUE AND MATHEW STREET AS A 4-WAY STOP INTERSECTION

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: Article IV, Section 17-4 of the City’s Traffic Ordinance No. 1162 authorizes the City Engineer to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained traffic control devices as he may deem necessary or proper to regulate traffic. The Traffic Engineer must make such determination based on traffic engineering principals and traffic investigations. Section 17-4 stipulates that the public must be notified of the application of a traffic control device so as to be effective when the traffic control device is installed. Article VII, Section 17-7 of the Traffic Ordinance states that a resolution must be effected prior to the installation of the traffic control device.

The City Engineer, after careful consideration and review of field conditions, has determined that the intersection of Olive Avenue and Mathew Street warrants the placement of stop signs for north, south, east and west bound traffic. Taken under consideration was the fact that the south leg of Mathew Street is only 24 feet wide, that the south leg of Mathew Street does not align with the north leg of Mathew Street, that north and south bound Mathew will experience significant increases in vehicular and pedestrian traffic when Summit Charter Academy School opens this summer, and the concern raised by the Police Department regarding speeds along Olive Avenue in the vicinity of this intersection.

Traffic Ordinance No. 1162, Traffic Resolution No. 10-2001 defines and establishes certain streets and parts of streets as one way streets, through streets, stop intersections, no parking areas, diagonal parking zones, no parking zones, truck routes and commercial vehicles prohibited streets. An amendment to Traffic Resolution No. 10-2001 is necessary for Olive Avenue and Mathew Street to be designated as a 4-way stop intersection.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Pass a resolution amending Traffic Resolution No. 10-2001, designating Olive Avenue and Mathew Street as a 4-way stop intersection;

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2. Authorize the City Engineer to notify the public, by any effective means, of the application of a traffic control device, namely a 4-way stop, at the intersection of Olive Avenue and Mathew Street; and

3. Authorize the City Engineer to install traffic control devices, namely 4-way stop signs, at the intersection of Olive Avenue and Mathew Street.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution

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WHEREAS, per Traffic Ordinance No. 1162, Traffic Resolution No. 10-2001 defines and establishes certain streets and parts of streets in the City of Porterville as one way streets, through streets, stop intersections, no parking areas, diagonal parking zones, no parking zones, truck routes and commercial vehicles prohibited streets; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Resolution needs to be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Porterville that the following change be made to Section 21 of Traffic Resolution No. 10-2001:

A. Section 21. Through Streets and Stop Intersections. Add to Section 21 the following:

21-143. The intersection of Olive Avenue and Mathew Street.

Kelly E. West, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Longley, City Clerk

By: Georgia Hawley, Chief Deputy City Clerk