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

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: The Henderson Reconstruction Project is expected to begin on July 18, 2005. The initial stages of construction will consist of underground work which includes water, sewer, and storm drain installation, plus the removal and replacement of the Porter Slough bridge.

Traffic circulation in this area will be impacted significantly for the two substantial subdivisions that use Balmayne Drive, Balmoral Drive and Mathew Street as their ingress and egress from Henderson Avenue and Morton Avenue. A locator map identifying these locations is attached to give Council a better understanding of the situation.

As mentioned above, the project includes substantial underground pipe construction. Henderson Avenue will be closed to through traffic but, in all likelihood, local traffic will choose to ingress and egress Henderson Avenue using Balmayne Drive and Balmoral Drive during this stage of construction. However, during the demolition of Henderson Avenue for street reconstruction purposes, it will be much more difficult to access Henderson Avenue. The vast majority of all traffic will enter and exit their respective subdivisions from Mathew Street at the Morton Avenue intersection.

Public Works recommends that the intersection of Morton Avenue and Mathew Street be temporarily converted to a 4-way stop intersection. This modification will allow traffic to exit from the two subdivisions onto Morton Avenue in an orderly manner. Upon acceptance of the completed Henderson Avenue Street Reconstruction Project, the intersection will revert back to its current designation as a through street for east and west bound traffic.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Pass a resolution amending Traffic Resolution No. 10-2001, designating Morton Avenue and Mathew Street as a temporary 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 devise, namely a temporary 4-way stop, at the intersection of Morton Avenue and Mathew Street;

3. Authorize the City Engineer to install or cause to be installed stop signs at the Morton Avenue and Mathew Street intersection to create a 4-way stop intersection when the Henderson Avenue Reconstruction Project begins; and

4. Upon City Council’s acceptance of the completion of the Henderson Avenue Reconstruction Project, remove the stops signs on Morton Avenue for east and west bound traffic at Mathew Street.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
Locator Map
RESOLUTION NO. ________

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE
AMENDING TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 10-2001

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:

21-144. The intersection of Morton Avenue and Mathew Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon acceptance of the completion of the Henderson Avenue Reconstruction Project, the intersection will revert back to its current designation as a through street for east and west bound traffic on Morton Avenue.

_____________________________________  Kelly E. West, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Longley, City Clerk

By: Patrice Hildreth, Deputy City Clerk