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AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: All-Way STOP Control on Avenue 304 and Road 64, West of Goshen

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of an All-Way STOP controlled intersection on Avenue 304 and Road 64, located just west of the community of Goshen.
2. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on Avenue 304 at Road 64, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.07 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Section 22450(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

SUMMARY:

The intersection of Avenue 304 and Road 64 is located just west of the community of Goshen within Tulare County. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with stop signs on Road 64, which runs north and south. Avenue 304 runs east and west and is currently uncontrolled. Both roadways have a prima facie speed limit of 55 miles per hour. This All-Way Stop conversion is part of the road construction design for Road 64 from State Route 198 northward, connecting to the newly constructed section of Road 64 north of Avenue 304.

Section 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) states in part "Multi-way stop control can be useful as a safety measure at intersections if certain traffic conditions exist. Safety concerns associated with multi-way stops include pedestrians, bicyclists, and all road users expecting other road users to stop. Multi-way stop control is used where the volume of traffic on the intersecting roads is approximately equal... Criteria to be considered

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includes five or more reported crashes in a 12-month period that are susceptible to correction by a multi-way stop installation. Such crashes include right-turn and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions."

The California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

While designing the reconstruction of Road 64 to include this intersection for safety improvements, an engineering study found that these roadways are approximately equal in traffic volume, and that right-turn and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions occurring within the last few years, would be minimized by this conversion. Based on this conclusion, it was determined that this intersection would meet the requirements of Section 2B.07 for the installation of a Multi-Way Stop. As such, staff recommends approval for the installation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Avenue 304 and Road 64.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was satisfied with a previous filing of the Notice of Exemption (NOE) on June 9, 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-0307).

Construction for this project is anticipated to begin in the beginning of 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The All-Way Stop at this location will be installed as part of the Road 64 Improvement Project (RMA No. 18300050-005). The Road 64 Improvement Project was approved by the Board as part of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 County Transportation Improvements Program (CTIP). The total project cost for this the Road 64 Improvement Project is \$7,445,000. The project will be partially reimbursed through Measure R Regional Program funds, in the amount of \$1,050,000, for the Right-of-Way and Construction phase. Project costs exceeding the Measure R allocated funds will be covered by Development Trust Funds and County Road Funds as approved in the 2021/2022 CTIP.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Strategic Initiative: Safety and security include the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. Installation of the All-Way Stop control at this location will enhance intersection circulation and traffic safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment A - Vicinity Map
Attachment B – Notice of Exemption