



Resource Management Agency

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AGENDA DATE: June 29, 2021

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: STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of Ivanhoe

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of a One-Way STOP control at the following intersections: Avenue 324 (A324) at Road 156 (R156), Jasmine Avenue (LA323) at Road 156, Beechwood Avenue (LA324) at Road 156, and Aspen Avenue (LA325A) at Road 156, in the community of Ivanhoe; and
2. Authorize the installation of a STOP sign on Avenue 324 at Road 156, Jasmine Avenue at Road 156, Beechwood Avenue at Road 156, and Aspen Avenue at Road 156, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.04 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Section 22450(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC); and
3. Approve a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and
4. Find there is no substantial evidence that proposed activity will have a significant effect on the environment and determine the Categorical Exemption is consistent with the CEQA Title 14 CCR, Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970.

SUMMARY:

These intersections are located in the Community of Ivanhoe within Tulare County. Avenues 324, Jasmine, Beechwood, and Aspen all run east and west, intersecting with

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Road 156, as "T" intersections. Road 156 runs north and south, and is a pathway through the residential area before becoming a major collector roadway. These intersections are currently uncontrolled with no posted Stops.

In response to community concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and concluded that installation of Stop signs at these intersections would enhance and improve traffic and pedestrian safety within the community.

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections, states in part; "State or local laws written in accordance with the 'Uniform Vehicle Code'... establish the right-of-way rule at intersections having no regulatory traffic control signs such that the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection must yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian already in the intersection... The right-of-way can be modified at through streets or highways by placing YIELD or STOP signs on one or more approaches."

Section 2B.04, paragraph 3 further states "YIELD or STOP signs should be used at an intersection if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. An intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law;
- B. A street entering a designated through highway or street; and/or
- C. An unsignalized intersection in a signalized area."

In addition, 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".

These intersections meet the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections, for the installation of One-Way STOP controls at these locations. As such, RMA staff recommends approval for the installation of these One-Way STOP controls at the intersections stated above, in the community of Ivanhoe.

A Categorical Exemption was prepared by the Tulare County Environmental Planning Division and approved by the Environmental Assessment Officer. The activity/project is considered Exempt under Categorical per Title 14 CCR Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The cost of installing the One-Way STOPs at these locations, is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Strategic Initiative: Safety and security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. Installation of the One-Way STOP controls at these locations will enhance intersection circulation and pedestrian safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.

Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment A - Vicinity Map

Attachment B - CEQA Exemption