



DATE: January 25, 2017

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission
FROM: Cedric Novenario, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Stop Sign Policy in Los Altos

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation and recommend approval of the Stop Sign Policy to the City Council

BACKGROUND

The City of Los Altos does not currently have a stop sign policy. A stop sign policy will formally define the procedures for installing stop signs in Los Altos.

Sections 2B.06 and 2B.07 of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) provides guidance on the methods for installing stop signs. Sections 21802 and 22450 of the California Vehicle Code (CA CVC) govern the rules of the road relating to stop signs.

The draft policy is based on a successful policy from the City of San Mateo.

DISCUSSION

The past practice has been to install stop signs based on the guidelines provided by the CA MUTCD and on engineering judgement and knowledge of traffic operations in the area. The stop sign policy describes the process, procedures, and criteria used when determining if a stop sign is needed at an intersection. It incorporates the guidance of the CA MUTCD and engineering judgment based on past traffic operations experience and traffic operations of the area. It also provides an avenue for residents to appeal a stop sign determination. If approved, the stop sign policy will formalize the process for installing stop signs in Los Altos. The policy will be posted on the City's Public Works website, which makes it accessible for residents for review.

Under section II, number 4 of the Procedures, the Planning and Transportation Commission may elect to consider being a part of the appeal process prior to City Council consideration. However, this likely extends the time period of the appeal by at least a month

Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC)

On Thursday, January 19, 2017, staff presented the draft Stop Sign Policy to the PTC for their consideration and approval to the City Council. Staff will provide the BPAC a verbal update regarding the outcome of the PTC meeting.

Staff will present the Stop Sign Policy to the City Council for approval upon recommendation by the BPAC.

Attachment:

Draft Stop Sign Policy