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DATE: November 30, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Lou Balderrama, City Engineer
Public Works Department [Signature]

SUBJECT: Traffic Controls at Thames River Drive and Forest Park Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council provide direction to the Traffic Engineer regarding the type of intersection control for Forest Park Boulevard at Thames River Drive.

DISCUSSION

The intersection of Forest Park Boulevard at Thames River Drive is located within the Riverpark Specific Plan Area. The approved backbone streets and circulation plan calls for stop sign control only for traffic coming out of Thames River Drive. Because the area is still a construction zone, temporary STOP signs on barricades were approved for deployment on Forest Park Boulevard until construction is completed.

City staff has been working with the developer, Riverpark Legacy, LLC to install flashing yellow beacons on Forest Park Boulevard to enhance the school crossings and remove the temporary STOP signs. The intersection is a designated school crossing and a yellow crosswalk is striped across Forest Park Boulevard.

The option to make the ALL-WAY-STOP a permanent configuration for Forest Park Boulevard is not recommended for STOP sign control because the street is a designated arterial. Arterials are designed to carry higher volumes of traffic and are better controlled by traffic signals or roundabouts. Based on Council's direction from this study session, the Traffic Engineer will return to City Council with a recommended course of action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Although the streets in this area are still the responsibility of Riverpark Legacy, LLC, construction of arterials roadways and the associated traffic controls is reimbursable from the Circulation System Improvement Fund.