# Proposal to Implement a Westbound Right-Turn Only Restriction along Bellevue Avenue at ECR



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## **GOALS**

- Provide community and TSPC with presentation with the details of the proposal to restrict access from westbound Bellevue Avenue at ECR to "right-turns only".
- Obtain community feedback
- Engage in open discussion
- TSPC to provide feedback regarding staff's proposal to limit access from westbound Bellevue Avenue to El Camino Real

#### **BACKGROUND**

- El Camino Real (ECR) is a major arterial within Burlingame, carrying approximately 30,000 vehicles per day.
- ECR is owned and operated by Caltrans; with Bellevue Avenue on the east side of ECR in Burlingame, and on the west side portions belonging to both the City and the Town of Hillsborough.
- Along ECR there are varying sizes of eucalyptus trees; due to their trunk diameters or quantity, they may reduce a driver's visibility when exiting from any of the intersections onto El Camino Real.
- Bellevue Avenue is not only a location where these trees have an impact on driver visibility, but it is a non-signalized intersection.
- In the past, a "no left-turn" from westbound Bellevue Avenue onto El Camino Real was installed to reduce potential safety concerns. Even with this improvement, there continues to be challenges for westbound drivers.
- Lastly, at the October 2018 TSPC meeting the TSPC and community was presented an option of a full closure of the westbound approach to eliminate the above challenges. At that time, the public support for that change was not strong with residents in the immediate area not supportive of the proposal as they believed the access impacts of a full closure would be too severe.

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## **LOCATION**

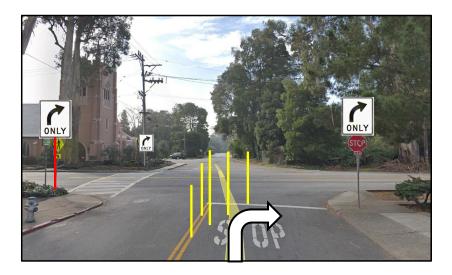


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#### **DISCUSSION**

- Staff is proposing limiting access for westbound Bellevue Avenue at El Camino Real to "rightturns only".
- The restriction to be considered would be implemented with signage, pavement striping, and the addition of "channelizers".
- This action would only restrict westbound vehicle access to El Camino Real. Both the eastbound access to El Camino Real from Bellevue Avenue and access from El Camino Real to Bellevue Avenue would not be affected.
- With the proposed change, both the westbound through and left-turn movements at ECR would need to occur at either Floribunda Avenue or Chapin Avenue, both signalized intersections.

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## **SUMMARY**

- Review the presentation
- Obtain feedback
- Residents in the immediate neighborhood were notified of tonight's meeting
- Engage in open discussion
- Staff is seeking feedback and input. Based on this feedback, staff will make a determination on whether to continue with the design of the "right-turn only" restriction along Bellevue Avenue at ECR.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS	