



# STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6.a

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**To: Traffic Safety and Parking Commission**

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**Subject: Dwight Road Entry Wall/Landscaped Island Discussion**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend that the TSPC receive a presentation on the Dwight Road Entry Wall/Landscaped Island. This work is part of San Mateo's Dwight Road/Peninsula Avenue/Delaware Street Project. Staff is specifically seeking feedback on just the bulb out options related to the Dwight Road entry wall and landscaped island.

Following the presentation, staff requests that TSPC not only provide feedback, but also a motion determining the level of support for one of the bulb out options.

## **BACKGROUND**

At February's TSPC meeting, there was a discussion regarding the Dwight Road/Peninsula Avenue/Delaware Street Project, specifically traffic signal operation and bulb out options along Dwight Road. Based on community feedback, a signal operation option was selected, Signal Operation Option #3 (use of protected-left-turns on all approaches). While an option was not selected for the bulb outs on Dwight Road, the TSPC indicated that there was a desire for additional community feedback and for staff to look into any opportunities to make modifications.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff presented three initial bulb out options at the February TSPC meeting. The bulb outs are part of this project as they would provide additional area for compliant Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) pedestrian ramps and space for the additional traffic signal equipment. The options were as follows:

- **Bulb Out Option #1: Install bulb outs and replace the landscaped island and entry wall.**

This option would install the bulb outs on the northwest and northeast corners along with ADA compliant pedestrian ramps. This option would replace the existing landscaping island and entry wall with new landscaping and entry wall elements. The landscaping would be a larger area while the entry wall element would be something smaller than the existing wall.

- **Bulb Out Option #2: Install smaller bulb outs without impacting the landscaping and entry wall.**

This option would install smaller bulb outs on the northwest and northeast corners along with ADA compliant pedestrian ramps. The smaller bulb outs would be sized and positioned so that they would not impact the existing landscaped island or entry wall.

- **Bulb Out Option #3: Incorporate the entire entry wall and landscaped island into the bulb out design.**

This option would install the bulb outs on the northwest and northeast corners along with ADA compliant pedestrian ramps. The bulb outs would be further pushed out to encompass the existing landscaped island and walls. This option would reduce the street width to 20-feet in the vicinity of the bulb outs.

Staff forwarded the neighborhood's feedback to the design team and in response Option #1A was provided.

- **Bulb Out Option #1A: Install bulb outs and replace the landscaped island and entry wall.**

This revised option is similar to Option #1 except for the inclusion of a smaller entry wall and a centerline buffer. This striped buffer would create a similar narrowing of the roadway effect that the existing landscaped islands have, while adding the smaller entry wall.

Based on feedback from the February meeting, staff recommend either Bulb Out Option #1A or Bulb Out Option #2.

Bulb Out Option #1A provides the same reduced pedestrian crossing distances and increase for ADA compliant ramps and new traffic signal equipment as the above Option #1. Option #1A adds a centerline buffer to narrow the lane widths along Dwight Road with the same effect expressed by many members of the neighborhood. Lastly, this option removes the existing landscaped island and entry walls and replaces them with expanded landscaping in the bulb out and smaller entry walls.

The bulb out in Option #2 reduces the pedestrian crossing distances and adds more area to accommodate ADA compliant ramps and new traffic signal equipment. This option preserves the existing landscaped island and entry walls, leaving them untouched.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A: Presentation