



STAFF REPORT

City Council

Meeting Date:

9/10/2019

Staff Report Number:

19-189-CC

Regular Business:

Adopt Resolution No. 6522 authorizing the installation of turn restrictions in and around the Belle Haven neighborhood

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6522 (Attachment A) authorizing the installation of turn restrictions in and around the Belle Haven neighborhood.

Policy Issues

The proposed project is consistent with policies stated in the 2016 general plan circulation element. These policies seek to maintain a safe and efficient circulation system that promotes a healthy, safe and active community and quality of life throughout Menlo Park.

Background

On August 20, staff provided a project update for the implementation of the approved Belle Haven traffic calming plan (Plan) to the City Council. Additionally, based on previous community feedback, staff recommended the implementation of turn restrictions at key locations to reduce cut through traffic in the neighborhood.

After a comprehensive discussion, the City Council directed staff to:

- Remove the proposed right turn restriction at Chilco Street and Terminal Avenue
- Implement turn restrictions at select locations to minimize impact to local residents, and then the remaining locations if cut-through traffic conditions do not improve

A link to the August 20 staff report is provided as Attachment B.

Analysis

Based on feedback from past similar projects, staff recommends implementing the turn restriction in two phases as outlined below and illustrated in Attachment C, with consideration to implement the second phase through a separate future resolution if cut-through traffic conditions do not improve.

Given that the aim of both the Plan and Phase 1 of the turn restriction project is to reduce neighborhood cut-through traffic, staff recommends combining the evaluation effort of both projects to achieve a comprehensive assessment of their effectiveness. As a result, staff anticipates returning to the City Council in summer 2020 with evaluation results and final recommendations, as outlined in Table 2 of the August 20 staff report.

Table 1: Phase 1 intersection turn movement restriction		
Location ¹	Turn movement	Duration
Chilco Street / Constitution Drive	Northbound left	Weekdays: all day (except buses)
Hamilton Avenue / Almanor Avenue	Westbound left	Weekdays: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Hamilton Avenue / Sevier Avenue	Eastbound right	Weekdays: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Hamilton Avenue / Madera Avenue	Eastbound right	Weekdays: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Hamilton Avenue / Carlton Avenue	Eastbound right	Weekdays: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

¹Assume the applicable portions of Chilco Street and Hamilton Avenue are north-south roadways.

Table 1: Phase 2 intersection turn movement restriction		
Location ¹	Turn movement	Duration
Chilco Street / Constitution Drive	Southbound right	Weekdays: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Newbridge Street / Carlton Avenue	Northbound right	Weekdays: 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

¹Assume the applicable portions of Chilco Street and Newbridge Street are north-south roadways.

Staff anticipates to implement Phase 1 turn restriction signs within three weeks after the adoption of the resolution. After implementation, violation warnings are issued for the first 30 days and citations thereafter.

Impact on City Resources

Implementation of this project will be funded through the City’s signing and striping maintenance program. Ongoing monitoring efforts will require resources from the City’s police department.

Environmental Review

The recommendation is categorically exempt under Class 4 (minor modifications) of the current State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Public Notice

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Attachments

- A. Resolution No. 6522
- B. Hyperlink – August 20 City Council staff report: menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/22538/I3---20190820-Belle-Haven-traffic-mgmt-plan?bidId=
- C. Neighborhood turn restriction implementation plan

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RESOLUTION NO. 6522

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK
AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF TURN RESTRICTIONS IN THE BELLE
HAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD**

WHEREAS, regional commute traffic accessing the Dumbarton Bridge (State Route 84) has resulted in significant cut-through traffic concerns in Menlo Park neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, residents noted ongoing construction projects in the Bayfront area have exacerbated the neighborhood cut-through traffic conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the City has received requests for installation of turn restrictions to alleviate the cut-through traffic conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park, acting by and through its City Council, having considered and been fully advised in the matter and good cause appearing therefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Menlo Park, acting by and through its City Council, having considered and been fully advised in the matter and good cause appearing therefore do hereby authorize the installation of turn restriction signs at the locations identified below:

1. Northbound Constitution Drive to restrict left turns on weekdays onto Chilco Street, except buses
2. Westbound Almanor Avenue to restrict left turns from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays onto Hamilton Avenue
3. Eastbound Sevier Avenue, eastbound Madera Avenue, and eastbound Carlton Avenue to restrict right turns from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays onto Hamilton Avenue

I, Judi A. Herren, City Clerk of Menlo Park, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing City Council Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a meeting by said City Council on the tenth day of September, 2019, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of said City on this tenth day of September, 2019.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

Neighborhood Turn Restriction Implementation Plan

ATTACHMENT C



Existing Traffic Control

- Speed Hump
- Median
- Traffic Signal
- Traffic Circle
- Turning Restriction
- One-Way Road
- No Thru Traffic Sign

Proposed Traffic Control Phase 1

- No Left Turn (3:30pm-7pm Mon-Fri)
- No Right Turn (3:30pm-7pm Mon-Fri)

Proposed Traffic Control Phase 2

- No Right Turn (3:30pm-7pm Mon-Fri)

