



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

April 13, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Santa Barbara Youth Council
SUBJECT: Recommendation Regarding Milpas Pedestrian Safety

DISCUSSION:

On Monday, April 7, 2012, at their regular meeting, the Santa Barbara Youth Council listened to a presentation from Derrick Bailey, Supervising Transportation Engineer for the City regarding the Milpas Pedestrian Safety issue. Mr. Bailey gave a background of traffic issues relating to Milpas Street in general, and specifically for crossing at Ortega and Yanonali Street. Mr. Bailey identified a number of options for improving pedestrian crossing conditions at those intersections and then answered questions from the Youth Council. At this meeting, the Youth Council also listened to comments from members of public.

Of particular concern for the Youth Council members, was the number of students utilizing Milpas Street. Among their suggestions and concerns, were the following:

- Education to both drivers and pedestrian regarding traffic safety
- The need for more visible speed limit signs on Milpas

After lengthy discussion, the following are the Youth Council's recommendation to City Council by majority vote:

- a. For the intersection of Milpas and Ortega, the Youth Council recommends, *"Neighborhood striping transition (Canon Perdido to Cota Street) with median refuge island, curb extension (southeast corner) and pedestrian activated flashing lights."*
- b. For the intersection of Milpas and Yanonali, the Youth Council recommends, *"Traffic Signals."* As an alternative for Milpas and Yanonali, the Youth Council voted for *"Overhead mounted, pedestrian activated flashers."*

The Santa Barbara Youth Council wanted to extend their thanks to City staff for taking the time to present to them the information regarding traffic safety.

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