



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Mayor and Council Office

### Memorandum

**DATE:** November 4, 2010

**TO:** Jim Armstrong, City Administrator

**FROM:** Dale Francisco, Councilmember  
Michael Self, Councilmember

**SUBJECT:** Request to amend an item regarding a possible change to the Chapala Street Design Guidelines (adopted December 14, 2004, Resolution 04-100). The change envisioned would be to remove the sentence "Curb and sidewalk bulb outs shall be added at all intersections." (p 13)

Pursuant to Council Resolution No. 09-097 regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda regarding a possible change to the Chapala Street Design Guidelines.

This item meets the following criteria as explained below.

- A. A substantive outline or summary of the information that will be presented to the City Council:

Bulb outs have been one of the more controversial Public Works innovations of recent years. Information will be presented on why such traffic constrictors are particularly inappropriate on major commercial delivery and emergency services corridors.

- B. A concise statement of the specific action the City Council will be asked to take on the item:

That the Council adopt a Resolution removing the requirement for bulb outs on all intersections within the Chapala Street Design Guidelines project area (Chapala from Parker Way to Carrillo Street).

- C. A statement of the reasons why the requesting party believes it is appropriate and within the jurisdiction of the City Council to consider this subject matter and to take the requested action.

It is appropriate for the City Council to consider this matter because there are potentially twelve separate bulb outs that could be subject to individual appeals, and because this a matter of general policy that should be resolved at the council level.

cc: Mayor and Councilmembers  
Steve Wiley, City Attorney