



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Amending Traffic Resolution 97-148 by Converting the Traffic Control on Pleasant Avenue at Walnut Street from a Yield to a Stop Control and Approving Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Walnut Street at Pleasant Avenue

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2006

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution amending Traffic Resolution 97-148 by converting the traffic control on Pleasant Avenue at Walnut Street from a yield to a stop control and approving the pedestrian safety improvement on Walnut Street at Pleasant Avenue (Exhibit A).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Pleasant Avenue and Walnut Street intersection has been reviewed based on a request from the St. Anne's School principal. Staff met with the school principal to discuss their request. At the meeting, the principal also requested the City review converting the yield to a stop control on Pleasant Avenue at Walnut Street.

Traffic Control (Stop) Study

The Pleasant Avenue and Walnut Street intersection is a four-legged intersection, however, it operates similar to a three-legged intersection since Pleasant Avenue is a one-way street (northbound). The main entrance to St. Anne's School is located at the southeast corner of the intersection. Yellow school crosswalks are located on all four-legs, and student patrols assist students across the roadways.

To determine whether a stop or yield control is needed, a safe approach study was performed and the collision records reviewed. Over the past three years (2003 through June 2006), there have been no reported collisions. Based on the safe approach guidelines, a stop sign is appropriate for this intersection.

Pedestrian Improvements

Staff performed peak-hour pedestrian and vehicle counts at the intersection. The afternoon count showed 91 and 13 pedestrians crossing Walnut Street on the east and west leg, respectively, with over a hundred vehicles on Walnut Street. The morning count showed 52 and 13 pedestrians crossing Walnut Street on the east and west leg, respectively, with almost 150 vehicles on Walnut Street.

Staff concurs with the school's request for "in-street" pedestrian signs and associated striping modifications to accommodate the signs, as shown in the exhibit. With grant and private funding, the Street Division has installed similar pedestrian improvements adjacent to three elementary school sites and received positive feedback from citizens, parents, and school administration. Similarly, St. Anne's School will fund the pedestrian improvements, however, they have requested the in-street signs be removable. With Council's approval, the Public Works Department will issue an encroachment permit and condition the school to install and remove the ISP on school days and special school events and be

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

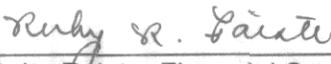
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responsible for loss. In addition to the in-street signs, additional pedestrian signs will be installed in the sidewalk at the crosswalk. Staff met with St. Anne's School administration, and they concur with these recommendations.

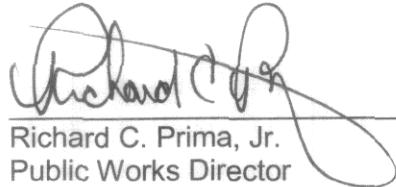
FISCAL IMPACT: There is no annual maintenance cost; however, the signs will need to be replaced approximately every ten years at an approximate cost of \$500.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Removal of the yield sign/legend and installation of a stop sign/legend at a cost of approximately \$500 will come from the Street Maintenance Account. St. Anne's School is funding the cost of the pedestrian improvements at an approximate cost of \$2,000.

Project Estimate: \$2,500



Ruby Paiste, Financial Services Manager



Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

Prepared by Paula J. Fernandez, Senior Traffic Engineer

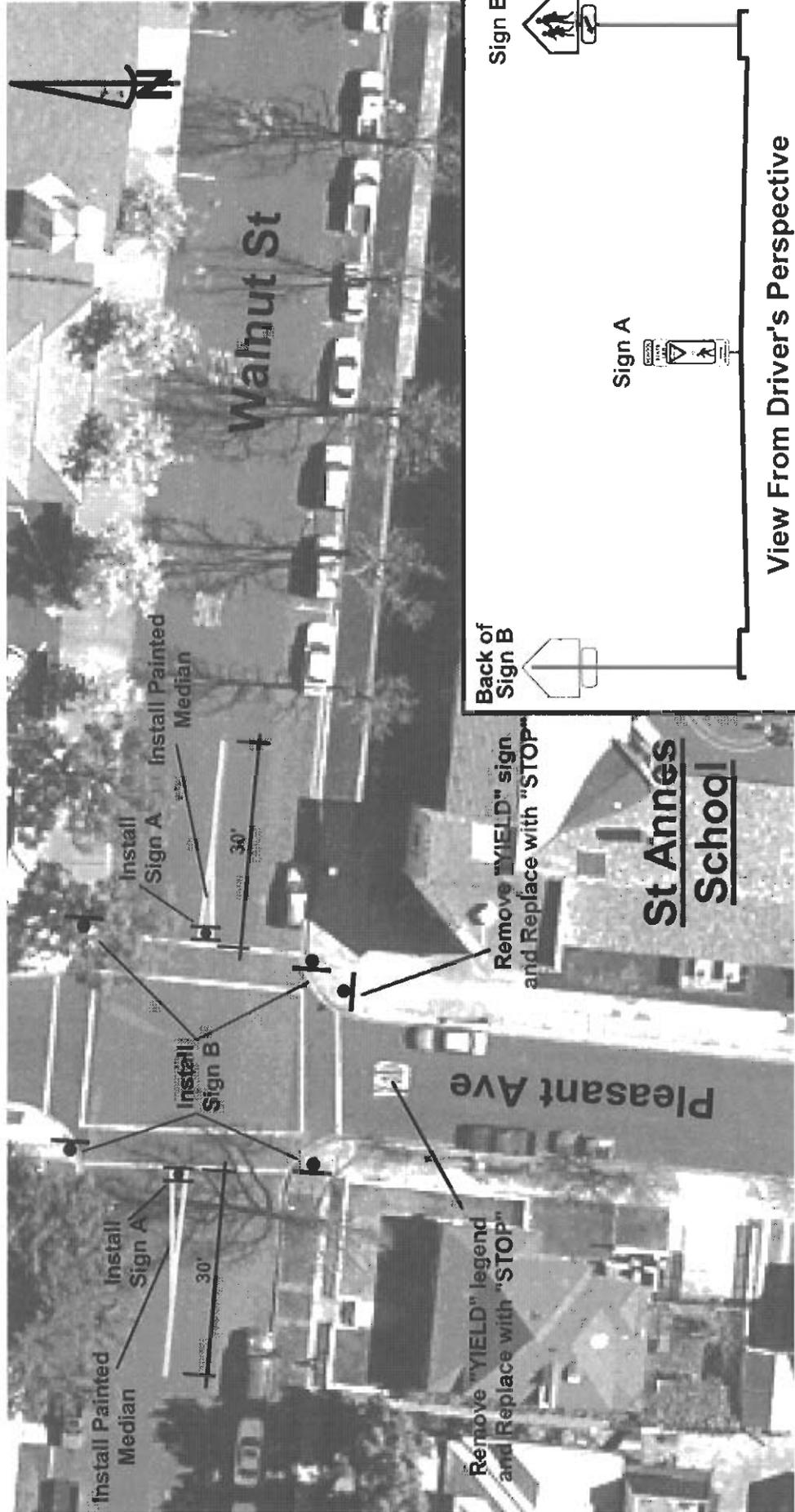
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Attachment

cc: City Attorney
Street Superintendent
Police Chief
City Engineer
Senior Traffic Engineer
St. Anne's School Principal

Pleasant Avenue and Walnut Street (St Annes School)

Convert Yield to Stop Sign; Pedestrian Improvements



RESOLUTION NO. 2006-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AMENDING
TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 97-148 BY APPROVING THE
CONVERSION OF A YIELD SIGN TO A STOP CONTROL ON
PLEASANT AVENUE AT WALNUT STREET, AND FURTHER
APPROVING THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ON
WALNUT STREET AT PLEASANT AVENUE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve amending Traffic Resolution No. 97-148 by converting the traffic control on Pleasant Avenue at Walnut Street from a yield sign to a stop control, as shown on Exhibit A attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Walnut Street at Pleasant Avenue to include removable "in-street" pedestrian signs and associated striping modifications to accommodate the signs, also shown on Exhibit A attached.

Dated: November 1, 2006

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2006-196 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 1, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson, Mounce,
and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

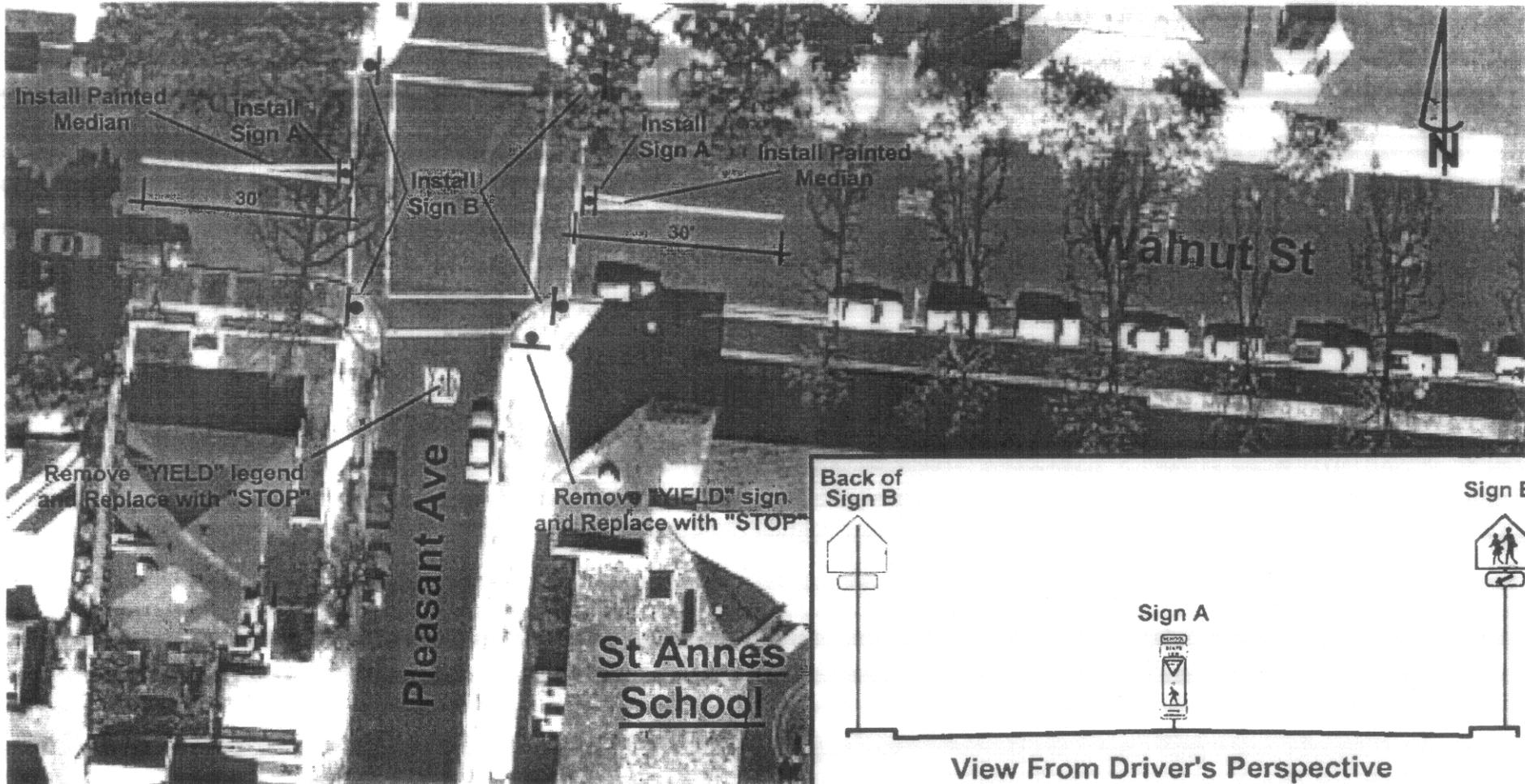
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

Pleasant Avenue and Walnut Street (St Annes School)

Convert Yield to Stop Sign; Pedestrian Improvements



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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Amending Traffic Resolution 97-148 by Converting the Traffic Control on Pleasant Avenue at Walnut Street from a Yield to a Stop Control and Approving Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Walnut Street at Pleasant Avenue

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, November 1, 2006. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Randi Johl, City Clerk, at 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Paula Fernandez, Senior Traffic Engineer, at 333-6800, extension 2667.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Prima".

br: Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

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Enclosure
cc: City Clerk

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