

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING
PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS FOR LIGHTED CROSSWALK/FLASHING BEACON
PROJECT, ELM STREET AT LOMA DRIVE AND AT MILLS AVENUE,
AND ON MILLS AVENUE (VARIOUS LOCATIONS), AND FURTHER
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS
TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the Lodi Unified School District and the Reese Elementary School Principal, City staff applied for State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) "Safe Route to School" grant funds for traffic calming features at the Elm Street and Mills Avenue intersection; and

WHEREAS, at the February 24, 2004, Shirtsleeve Session, staff reviewed with City Council several options for this intersection. The grant application anticipated installation of "bulb outs" at the four corners. Staff also discussed forwarding Caltrans a request for a funding extension to allow additional time to obtain accurate traffic information, given the construction of a new middle school in the area; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans authorized a one-year extension, and City staff performed additional traffic counts and met with school staff to discuss the proposed improvements. With the additional student traffic from the new middle school, staff is not recommending the construction of the bulb outs at the Elm Street and Mills Avenue intersection. This intersection currently has four-way stop controls, and the bulb outs would adversely affect the traffic flow, resulting in more congestion; and

WHEREAS, since the funds were specific to improvements for the Reese Elementary School area, staff requested a scope modification for a flashing in-roadway lighted crosswalk and flashing school signage on Elm Street at Loma Drive, due to the fact that the Loma Drive crossing is currently uncontrolled and has 119 school-aged pedestrians crossing in the morning and 169 school-aged pedestrians crossing in the afternoon; and

WHEREAS, the project will also include the installation of four flashing yellow beacons and school signage in advance of the Reese Elementary School to warn motorists they are approaching a school zone. Also, a flashing all-way red beacon, which will span on a cable connected to two new traffic signal standards, and street lights will be installed at the Elm Street and Mills Avenue intersection that has all-way stop control. The signal standards will provide lighting for the intersection and, in the future, will accommodate conversion for use as a traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting City Council authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, such as a Program Supplement and Master Agreement, for project funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the plans and specifications, authorize advertisement for bids for Lighted Crosswalk/Flashing Beacon Project, Elm Street at Loma Drive and at Mills Avenue, and on Mills Avenue (Various Locations), and authorize the City Manager to execute agreements to implement the project.

Dated: April 20, 2005

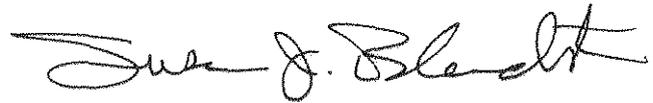
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-82 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 20, 2005, by the following vote:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk