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## **STAFF REPORT**

For the Meeting of June 24, 2024

### **Title/Subject**

Resolution 2330- Install “Stop” Sign at the intersection of East Main Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Summary and Background**

This resolution will add “Stop” signs for eastbound and westbound traffic on East Main Street at it’s intersection with NE/SE 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

This comes as a neighborhood request from a group of residents living on Main Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The group is concerned with an increase in traffic traveling at high speeds, as the street is used, in their opinion, as a long uninterrupted thoroughfare from the core of downtown east to the Highland Summit neighborhood. It should be noted that, although Main Street is classified as an Urban Major Collector between US395 and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, that classification follows Diagonal Boulevard on it’s way east out of town. The balance of Main Street extending east from 7<sup>th</sup> Street it simply classified as a Local Street, which already features “Stop” signs at 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and Townsend.

For vehicles traveling eastbound on Main Street, it is possible to travel approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from Highway 395 to 10<sup>th</sup> Street without experiencing any type of stop condition, as the Main & 7<sup>th</sup> intersection allows eastbound through traffic on Main to continue without stopping. With regard to the “3 E’s” of traffic (Environment, Engineering, & Enforcement), this long uninterrupted travel is made to feel more comfortable at higher speeds due to the relatively low density of development between 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, including a large un-developed field near 9<sup>th</sup> & main.

The anecdotally observed increase in traffic reported by neighbors along East Main may be partially attributable to the development of Highland Summit Phases 7 & 8, which are located on Hurlburt & Newport between SE 13<sup>th</sup> and Townsend Road. Phase 7 added 20 new homes in 2015 to 2017, while Phase 8 added 40 new homes between 2018 and 2021; all 60 of which are likely to use Main Street as the most direct route to travel to/from Highway 395.

North/South cross-traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> is also likely to experience a modest increase in the coming years. Santiago Estates Mobile Home Park has added approximately 30 homes since 2022, and is expected to have nearly 200 at full build-out, with the main entrance located at the intersection of Diagonal & Ridgeway. Although Santiago Estates is located within the Sunset Elementary School boundary, there is still likely to be some traffic between this development

and Highland Hills Elementary, with 9<sup>th</sup> street being the most direct route between those two points.

Additionally, there are several developable properties located less than one block from the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> & main, which could be developed in to 60-80 housing units at any time over the coming years.

Finally, there is noticeable pedestrian usage of 9<sup>th</sup> street for students going to Sandstone Middle School from South and West of the 9<sup>th</sup> and main intersection.

This request has been reviewed by Street Department, Engineering, Planning, and Police staff, and it has been determined that a “Stop” Sign at this location makes sense.

### **Tie-In to Council Goals**

Transportation: Improve Mobility & Transportation.

### **Fiscal Information**

No Fiscal Impact.

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

#### **Alternatives**

1. Approve Resolution 2330
2. Reject Resolution 2330
3. Table Resolution 2330

#### **Recommended Action/Motion**

Approve Resolution 2330

### **Submitted By:**

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