

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City of Rollingwood

May 19, 2021

Submitted by:

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Agenda Item:

Discussion and Possible Action regarding uses of Zilker Park that impact the City of Rollingwood, including but not limited to, the high volumes of traffic cutting through the City of Rollingwood as vehicles enter and exit Zilker Park

Description:

Barton Springs Road is a thoroughfare that runs through Zilker Park, and it branches off into several parking areas on Stratford Drive. On very nice days, everyone and their dogs can be found at Zilker Park or on Town Lake Trail. When facility users decide to exit the park at Stratford Drive onto Barton Springs Road, drivers must line up in a single lane to wait for a signalized light to either turn right or make a left turn out of the park. Many drivers instead, opt to exit the park by heading west up Stratford, and cutting through the City of Rollingwood. Barton Springs Road would benefit from a fully paved long right turn lane at Stratford and Barton Springs or even a roundabout, since there's so much traffic coming and going at a constant rate.

The City of Rollingwood commissioned a traffic calming study in 2001. The [traffic calming study](#) included Rollingwood Dr, Riley, Edgegrove, and Timberline. There were recommendations for traffic calming devices which included speed tables; traffic circles; entrance medians; raised crosswalks; and centerline medians. There was also a recommendation for a no-left-turn on Riley. The semi-diverter for that junction could be easily supported by the vehicle volume data today, especially on weekends — and would fully support this intervention. This would prohibit left turn traffic from entering Rollingwood. This intervention might be considered for Ashworth Drive as well.

The 2001 traffic calming study showed the volume of for both northbound and southbound traffic at 350 cars per day. That study indicated roughly the same number of vehicles travel in each direction. A 2018 Rollingwood Police department memo of traffic counts showed a volume of 1,042 cars per day; or at least three times what the traffic was in 2001 on Riley.

Action Requested:

Direct the City Administrator to get pricing on a semi-diverter median for the intersections of Riley/Paige and Ashworth/Stratford.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Attachments:

- Example of Semi-Dverters
- [2001 Traffic Calming Study](#) (Link)
- 2018 RWPD Memo