

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis and Committee Members

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Subject: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting of January 7, 2026

[Review and take possible action: Third Street and Mary Street all-way stop study request](#)

Background

In response to comments received regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Third Street and Mary Street, the Engineering Division conducted a cursory investigation of the area and developed recommendations to improve public safety.

Comments were received on December 2, 2025, from a concerned resident regarding the safety of the intersection. To remedy this, the Engineering Division recommends consideration of an engineering study to be conducted for the installment of an all-way stop at this intersection.

Per Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidance:

The decision to establish all-way stop control at an unsignalized intersection should be based on an engineering study. The engineering study for all-way stop control should include an analysis of factors related to the existing operation and safety at the intersection, the potential to improve these conditions, and the applicable factors contained in the following all-way stop control warrants:

A. All-Way Stop Control Warrant A: Crash Experience (see Section 2B.13)

B. All-Way Stop Control Warrant B: Sight Distance (see Section 2B.14)

C. All-Way Stop Control Warrant C: Transition to Signal Control or Transition to Yield Control at a Circular Intersection (see Section 2B.15)

D. All-Way Stop Control Warrant D: 8-Hour Volume (Vehicles, Pedestrians, Bicycles) (see Section 2B.16)

E. All-Way Stop Control Warrant E: Other Factors (see Section 2B.17)

Budget Goal

5. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

Financial Impact

A study could be conducted in-house with available staff. It's estimated that a study will take 12 to 16 hours to conduct.

Recommendation

Consider a study to determine if an all-way stop is necessary at this intersection. A study will include collection of traffic data, which could occur during the summer of 2026, and consider MUTCD guidance for all-way stop placement.