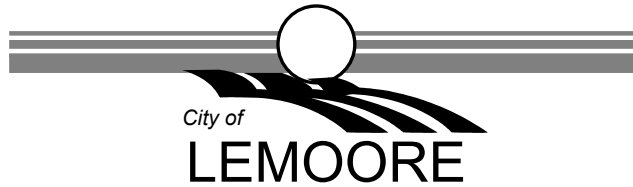


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## Staff Report

Item # 4

**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: David Wlaschin, Director of Public Works**  
**Date: February 25, 2009**  
**Subject: C.I.P. Budget Amendment – Traffic Improvements – Bush Street/Belle Haven Drive to West Hills College**

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**Discussion:**

Council is aware of traffic concerns which have occurred this semester at West Hills College and staff is working on solutions to the problem. Currently, City personnel have been assigned to assist with traffic control at the intersections of Bush Street and Belle Haven Drive and Bush Street and College Drive from 7:40 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. during the peak traffic time. Staff has looked at reconfiguring the intersections to resolve this issue with a less personnel intense operation.

The proposal is to widen Bush Street at College Drive to allow for a left turn pocket on to College Drive and to eliminate the Stop signs on Bush Street. The other improvement will be at Bush Street and Belle Haven Drive where the four way Stop will stay in place but Bush Street west of Belle Haven Drive will be widened to allow two lanes which will then merge back to one lane in a few hundred feet.

Bush Street east of Belle Haven Drive will be restriped to allow for a combined left turn through lane and a through lane. This would increase the traffic through the intersection from the east almost double what it is today. (We will provide a diagram of proposal at meeting for more clarification.)

Due to traffic volumes while school is in session, staff would propose to have work completed during the spring break. There appears to be an immediate need for these improvements and we would ask Council to authorize staff to go out to bid. Should bids come in under our \$50,000 purchasing limit per our Purchasing Policy staff asks for authorization to proceed with improvements.

**Budget Impact:**

Engineering and Construction costs for the above described improvements are expected to cost about \$60,000. A CIP budget amendment amount should be approved from the Streets and Thoroughfares Fund (Impact Fees).

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council:

1. Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$60,000 from Streets and Thoroughfares for improvements at West Bush Street.
2. Authorize Staff to go to bid and authorize the City Manager to approve bid for work.