

COUNCIL AGENDA: 01-25-05

ITEM: 2.13

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Katy Allen

**SUBJECT: DONATION OF TWO
PERMANENT EASEMENTS
FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

DATE: 01-05-05

Approved

Date

1/11/05

Council Districts: 6, 9

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute all documents related to the donations of two property easement rights and interest on church property located at 2350 Leigh Avenue, as a donation from the Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church and on school property located at 1840 Harris Avenue, as a donation from Cambrian School District. CEQA: Exempt, PP04-264.

BACKGROUND

A traffic signal installation is planned for the intersection of Harris Avenue and Leigh Avenue, to provide protected left turn phasing on Leigh Avenue, controlled signal access and improved pedestrian mobility through the intersection. These easements are necessary to install the traffic signal equipment on two private properties at the northeast and southeast corners of this intersection. The City shall install and maintain the traffic signal equipment at both locations.

ANALYSIS

Both easements were discussed in length with church officials and the school district officials, and they agreed that the traffic signal improvements were a much needed safety item. As a result, both the church board and school board have approved and signed their specific donation agreement in December 2004. They have also signed the easement deeds. Both easement items are being donated to the City by the church and the school district. The receipt of these easements will permit the City to make the traffic signal equipment installations and improvements increasing the safety of the four-way intersection and providing a safer crossing for pedestrians, students and traffic. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2005 with completion in August 2005. No other property is needed.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

City of San José staff from the Departments of Transportation and Public Works met with Covenant Presbyterian Church representatives and Cambrian School District representatives and had various communications pertaining to the proposed traffic signal project and easements. Outreach was completed as part of the planning process for the Department's proposed improvements on the property.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office and the Departments of Transportation and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

COST IMPLICATIONS

There are no acquisition costs associated with this donation except for routine staff costs involved in handling the transaction and minimal escrow costs to complete the transfer of the property right and interest, anticipated to be no more than \$2,000. The costs for the installation of the traffic signals will be the responsibility of the City.

BUDGET REFERENCE

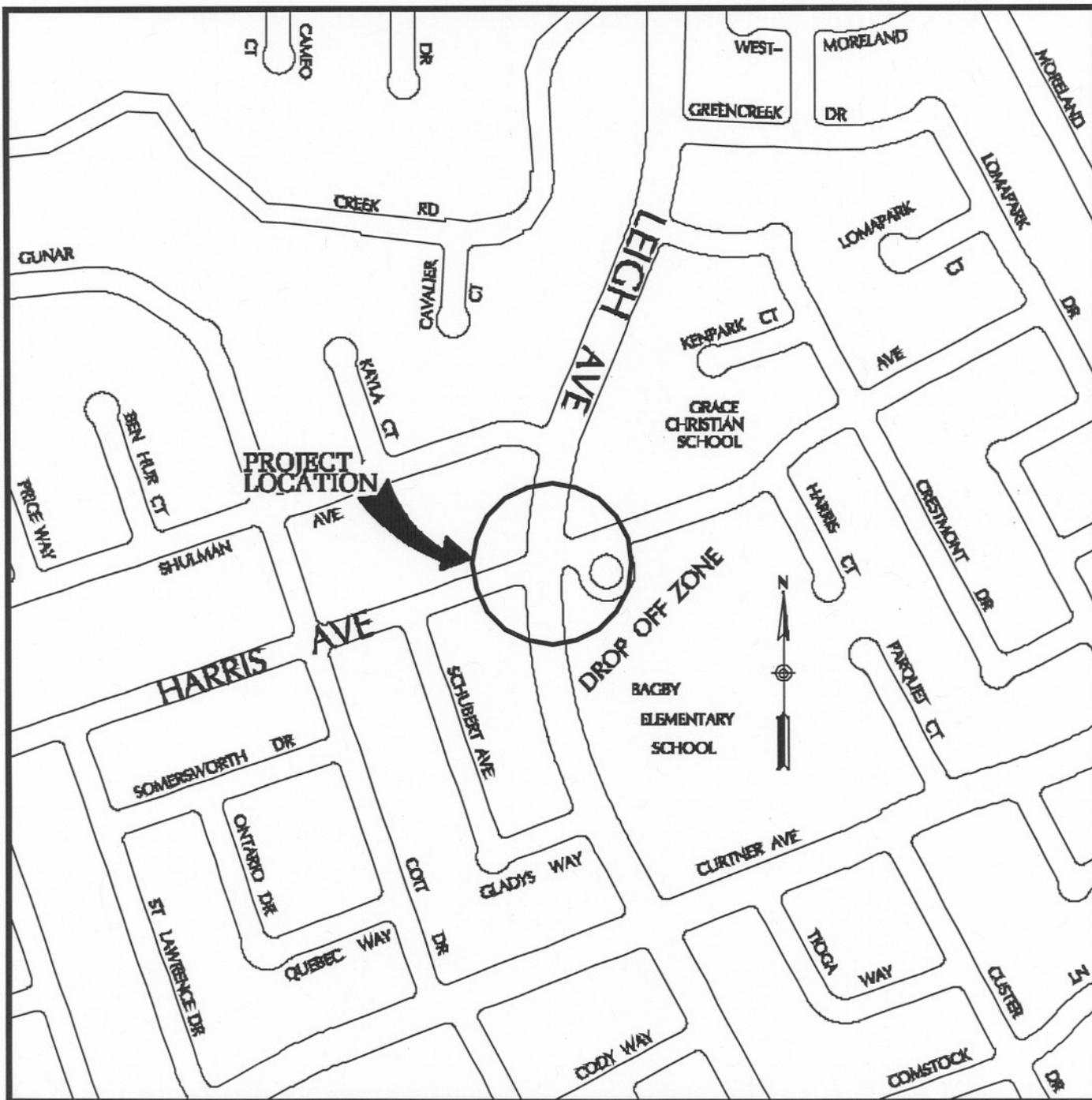
Fund #	Appn #	Appn Name	Total Appn.	RC#	2004-2005 Adopted Capital Budget	Last Budget Action, Date Ord.No.
429	4321	Traffic Signals	\$4,550,000	429 130912	Page 1065	10/12/04 Ord No. 27267

CEQA

Exempt, PP04-264.

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PROJECT NAME

TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT
 HARRIS AVENUE & LEIGH AVENUE
 (NO SCALE)

CITY OF SAN JOSE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS