

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-11

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA REQUESTING CALTRANS EITHER REMOVE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE ALAMEDA AND HIGHWAY 156, OR ASSUME ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIGNAL

WHEREAS, this Council requested the state, through CalTrans, to fund and install a traffic signal at the intersection of the Alameda and Highway 156 in the City; and

WHEREAS, CalTrans agreed to the installation of the requested traffic signalization, but only on the condition that City fully fund it; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly clear to this Council that because of current traffic counts, and because the intersection has become the site of an increasing number of serious fatal and non-fatal automobile collisions, by CalTrans or any other reasonable standards the intersection, located on a state highway, warrants traffic signalization maintained, improved, and paid for by CalTrans, an agency qualified and equipped fully to deal with the dangers inherent at the intersection; and

WHEREAS, if CalTrans refuses to assume full responsibility for the intersection, City is in no position to continue funding, and certainly in no position to fund necessary safety improvements, thus the intersection signalization improvements should in such event be removed;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby demands that CalTrans immediately assume all financial responsibility for the Alameda/Route 156 signalization, and further that CalTrans commence formal analysis of the need for additional improvements in light of increased traffic, refusal of CalTrans to require reduced speeds at and near the intersection, and the dangerous conditions at the intersection evidenced by the collision history referenced above.

SECTION 2. If CalTrans is unable or unwilling to act as demanded in Section 1, this Council demands that CalTrans remove the signalization and provide for speed regulation appropriate to return the intersection to a condition of reasonable traffic safety.

SECTION 3. This Council invites CalTrans to meet with staff and this Council to discuss the matters addressed here, and to endeavor to resolve City's concerns for the safety of its residents and those traveling through our community.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted at a regular meeting of the San Juan Bautista City Council on the 17th day of April, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Hill, Dias, Paradice, Edge

NOES: None

ABSENT: Laverone

ABSTAIN: None

Priscilla J. Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Paetz, Deputy City Clerk