

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: November 16, 2023

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REQUEST: RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE ON THE HAYSTACK TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file an update on the Haystack Traffic Calming project.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The Haystack Traffic Calming project was created to address issues related to vehicles speeding and safe pedestrian crossing on Haystack Road. The City solicited feedback from residents at three public meetings, and the transportation team worked with a design engineer to study the street and identify solutions to the issues. As a result of the meetings, it was determined that installing stop signs and crosswalks at three intersections and improving the bicycle lanes would have the desired effect.

The project was split into two phases. The first phase installed stop signs at Haystack's intersections with Alamo Drive, Chia Drive, and Moon Lane. The second phase will construct curb ramps and crosswalks at the intersections. In addition, Haystack Road will be slurry sealed and restriped to create a painted buffer between the bike lanes and the vehicular travel lanes. The design engineer had originally proposed a Class IV cycle track on the north side of Haystack. However, upon review, the City Engineer and the City's traffic engineer concluded that the Class IV cycle track was not the best application for the location. In addition, two more public meetings were conducted to solicit more feedback from residents and potential users of the bike lanes. The participants preferred an alternative where the street will have parking lanes and bike lanes with painted buffers from Highway 74 to Heliotrope. From Heliotrope to Portola Avenue, the street will have a parking lane on the south side of the street and bike lanes with painted buffers.

The design is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Construction will follow in the first quarter of 2024.

## **Legal Review:**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

1. PowerPoint Presentation