

CIP DESIGN AND ENGINEERING MEMORANDUM
#09-10

March 12, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor Kathleen M. Novak and City Council Members

FROM: William A. Simmons, City Manager *WAS*
Amy Ward, Acting Logistics Center Manager *AW*
Joliette Woodson, Civil Engineer II *JW*

SUBJECT: CB-1682 Malley Drive & Highline Drive Traffic Signal, Special Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached to this memorandum is an Ordinance which, if approved, would authorize the installation of the Traffic Signal at Malley Drive & Highline Drive. Staff recommends approval of the proposed Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

On January 15, 2009, the CIP Design and Engineering Staff presented five options for the Malley Drive & Highline Drive crosswalk. The option favored by the majority of City Council is a full traffic signal at the intersection. Although this option may not meet traffic signal warrants set forth in the City adopted Manual on Uniform Control Devices (MUTCD) Section 4C.01, City Council finds that the installation of a traffic signal is the best means to improve the overall safety and operation of the intersection. The attached ordinance document provides the justification for the variance from the MUTCD.

POTENTIAL OBJECTION:

City Staff is not aware of any specific opposition to the proposed Ordinance.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:

The approval of this ordinance has no impact on the budget.

STAFF REFERENCE:

Please contact Amy Ward, Acting Logistics Manager at award@northglenn.org, or (303) 450-8837.

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR NOVAK

COUNCILMAN'S BILL

ORDINANCE NO.

No. CB-1682
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A BILL FOR A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE HIGHLINE PATH AND MALLEY DRIVE INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a traffic engineering study to determine whether a traffic signal at the intersection of the Highline Path and Malley Drive (the "Intersection") is warranted;

WHEREAS, the traffic conditions at the Intersection may not meet the warrants listed in Section 4C.01 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD");

WHEREAS, based on the engineering study conducted by the City, the City Council finds that the conditions at the Intersection pose a significant safety hazard to users of the Highline Path, and that there is no acceptable alternative traffic control solution to a traffic signal;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that although the traffic conditions at the Intersection may not meet the warrants set forth in Section 4C.01 of the MUTCD, the City's engineering study indicates that installing a traffic control signal may improve the overall safety and operation of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 4C.01 of the MUTCD, which provides that "[a] traffic control signal should not be installed unless an engineering study indicates that installing a traffic control signal will improve the overall safety and/or operation of the intersection," the finding by the City Council that a traffic signal will improve the overall safety and operation of the Intersection, is a proper basis for installing a signal at the Intersection.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council finds that the installation of a traffic signal at the Intersection is the best means to improve the overall safety and operation of the Intersection. City staff is directed to proceed with the installation of a traffic signal at the Intersection.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this ____ day of _____, 2009.

SHERI L. PAIZ
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ____ day of _____,
2009.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney