

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD  
STAFF REPORT  
August 19, 2010

**SUBJECT**

*Humboldt Street Bike Boulevard – Traffic Circle at McConnell Avenue*

**ISSUE**

At the last Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting, the Board agreed to further discuss staff's proposal related to the intersection of McConnell Avenue and Humboldt Street at their meeting in August.

**STAFF PRESENTER**

*Nancy Adams*

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Board may, by motion, support staff's recommendation to remove the traffic circle at McConnell Avenue and Humboldt Street and re-instate all way stop control at McConnell Avenue and Humboldt Street.

**BACKGROUND**

At the June 17, 2010 meeting, the Board also passed a motion that supported retaining the traffic circle at McConnell Avenue and Humboldt Street and not re-instating the all way stop control at that intersection.

On July 15, 2010, the Board agreed to further discuss staff's proposal related to the intersection of McConnell Avenue and Humboldt Street at their meeting in August.

**ANALYSIS**

1. Staff would like to see if we could find some common ground between the Board's proposal to retain the traffic circle and not re-instate the all way stop control and staff's proposal to remove the traffic circle and re-instate the all way stop control at the intersection of Humboldt Street and McConnell Avenue before presenting the permanent design proposal to the City Council.
2. During the evaluation period, staff heard several concerns from the residents, Bill's Community Market and the disabled community about pedestrian safety at the intersections where the traffic circles were installed.
3. Based on the pedestrian count data, the intersection of Humboldt Street and McConnell Avenue experiences high pedestrian volumes. The intersection of Humboldt Street and

Benton Avenue where the school is located is an all way stop controlled intersection enabling pedestrians a familiar condition to cross. By removing the traffic circle and re-instating the all way stop control at Humboldt Street and McConnell Avenue, it would provide pedestrians with that familiar condition of an all way stop to cross.

4. With three traffic circles in close proximity, pedestrians intimidated by the circles would have an option available to cross Humboldt Street.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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Attachments: None