



# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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Agenda Date: 1/29/2016

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### 2016 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

#### **NUMBER**

DPW 16-08

**TITLE** Development of a Policy for Consolidation of Curb Cuts on Properties Located on Transit Lines

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Lead Department:** Public Works Department

Support Department(s): Community Development Department

#### **Sponsor(s):**

Councilmembers: Whittum, Meyering

#### **History:**

1 year ago: N/A

2 years ago: N/A

#### **SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

##### **What are the key elements of the study?**

The Study Issue would require staff to develop a policy for Council consideration that gives specific direction to staff on how driveway cuts should be analyzed as part of new development projects, specifically on transit corridors.

##### **What precipitated this study?**

The Study Issue was raised by Council as part of an 11-unit development proposal located on Maude Avenue. There was concern expressed regarding the site's driveway being placed on Maude Avenue, and how that could affect pedestrian, bicycles, and transit.

**Planned Completion Year:** 2016

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

##### **Cost to Conduct Study**

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Moderate

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$0

Funding Source: N/A

##### **Explanation of Cost:**

This work would be managed in-house by staff from the Transportation Division of Public

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Works, with support from Community Development.

**Cost to Implement Study Results**

No cost to implement.

**EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS**

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Position:** Drop

**Explanation:** The General Plan already includes the following policy:

Policy LT-5.2b - Minimize driveway curb cuts and require coordinated access when appropriate.

As part of all development projects staff already considers Council Policy LT-5.2b and consolidates driveways as feasible. Minimizing driveway cuts benefits pedestrian and cyclists because it minimizes conflicts, and is always a priority as part of new development proposals. In addition, staff also reviews a number of other elements that are taken into consideration when locating driveways including accident data and safety, overall site accessibility, project size, type of street, proximity to intersections, and alignment with other driveways/streets. The consolidation and location of driveway cuts is not “one-size fits all”, and the existing policy already provides staff direction to prioritize minimizing driveway cuts.

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