TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item 4b.   **Bart Drive Stop Sign Removal at Royal Palm Boulevard**
March 1, 2011

OBJECTIVE

To consider a request to remove the existing stop signs on northbound and southbound Bart Drive at Royal Palm Boulevard.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Staff received a request from Steven Sykora, 9861 Royal Palm Blvd., to install an all-way stop at the intersection of Bart and Royal Palm. Mr. Sykora expressed concern over speeding on Royal Palm, as well as, motorists failing to stop on Bart. Staff informed Mr. Sykora that the intersection would likely not meet warrants and that stop signs are not a proven traffic control device for addressing a speeding problem. It was agreed upon to install stop signs on Bart only. TE Policy 43 allows for the immediate installation of stop signs on side streets and a work order was therefore issued to install the signs. The stop signs will clarify right-of-way assignment at the intersection.

The stop signs were installed in January of this year. After their installation, the City received a visit and a letter from Michael Perry, a property owner at the corner of Royal Palm and Bart. Mr. Perry expressed a number of concerns but was primarily upset at not being notified of the installation of the signs and the visual impact of them. He is requesting that the signs be removed.

Staff, historically, has not notified adjacent property owners regarding the installation of stop signs. The signs are installed in the City owned easement area behind the street curb. Since staff has never received a complaint of this kind, stop signs, as well as all regulatory signs, are installed in this manner.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission receive public input and deny the request to remove the existing stop signs on northbound and southbound Bart Drive at Royal Palm Boulevard.

Dan Candelaria, P.E., T.E.
Executive Secretary

Attachments: Vicinity Map
              All-Way Stop Sign Warrant, TE Policy 43
              Letter from Michael Perry dated January 10, 2011