

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 32

**FROM:** Thomas G. Wendorf, P. E., Director of Public Works

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

**COPIES:** Melissa Byrne Vossmer; Chief Albert Ortiz; File

**SUBJECT:** All-Way Stop Control for Rivas Street at NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection

**DATE:** January 30, 2003

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the installation of the necessary Stop signs to create an All-Way Stop traffic control at the intersection of Rivas Street and NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street located in Council District 7.

Staff cannot recommend approval of this ordinance because of the factors of transportation engineering principals and the Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

District 7 initiated a six-signature memorandum requesting that Council consider the installation of an All-Way Stop at the subject intersection. Although this is the site of a recent fatal accident in which a motorist violated an existing Stop sign and killed a driver and an occupant of another vehicle, the traffic engineering study and the circumstances of the accident do not support the installation of an All-Way Stop.

The conditions that led to the tragic accident were directly related to the violation of existing laws and not the result of insufficient traffic control signs. The motorist who ran the Stop sign was driving under the influence of alcohol, at a high rate of speed, without a driver's license, and without liability insurance.

A traffic engineering study shows the intersection currently is equipped with the appropriate traffic control, i.e., Stop signs on the northbound and southbound approaches only. The traffic volumes and traffic crash frequency do not meet the minimum warranting criteria as established in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

Approval of this ordinance will install a traffic control device in a currently unwarranted location. City Code, Section 19-66, states, "All traffic-control signs, signals and devices

installed or erected in the city shall conform to the [Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices] approved by the state highways and public transportation commission."

The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices specifies the criteria under which an All-Way Stop is warranted. The traffic engineering study for this intersection shows that these conditions have not been met. Approval of this ordinance will not be in accordance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the Texas Transportation Code, and the City Code.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**


The project will be funded in the amount of \$250.00 from the Public Works Traffic Operations Budget.

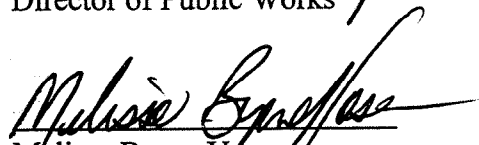
### **COORDINATION**

This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.


### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

This ordinance does not require a Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form.

  
Thomas G. Wendorf, P. E.  
Director of Public Works  
11/22/03

  
Melissa Byrne Vossmer  
Assistant City Manager

Approved:

  
Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager

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**TO:** Mayor and Council

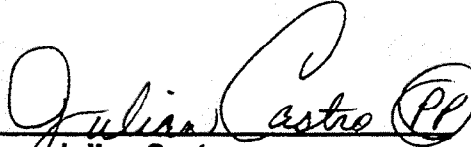
**FROM:** Councilman Julian Castro, District 7

**COPIES TO:** Terry Brechtel, City Manager; Melissa B. Vossmer, Assistant City Manager; Yolanda Ledesma, Interim City Clerk; Andrew Martin, City Attorney; Tom Wendorf, Director of Public Works; Gayle McDaniel, Assistant to City Council; File

**SUBJECT:** All-Way Stop Signs

**DATE:** January 7, 2003

I respectfully request your concurrence with placing an ordinance on the January 16, 2003 City Council Agenda authorizing the installation of four (4) all-way stop signs at the intersection of Rivas and NW 34<sup>th</sup> streets. Staff has conducted a traffic study and does not support this action. On January 3, 2003 a fatal accident occurred at this intersection. Your support for this immediate action is appreciated.

  
Julian Castro  
Councilman, District 7

  
Mayor Ed Garza

Councilman Bobby Perez, District 1

Councilman John Sanders, District 2

Councilwoman Toni Moorhouse, Dist. 3

Councilman Enrique Martin, District 4

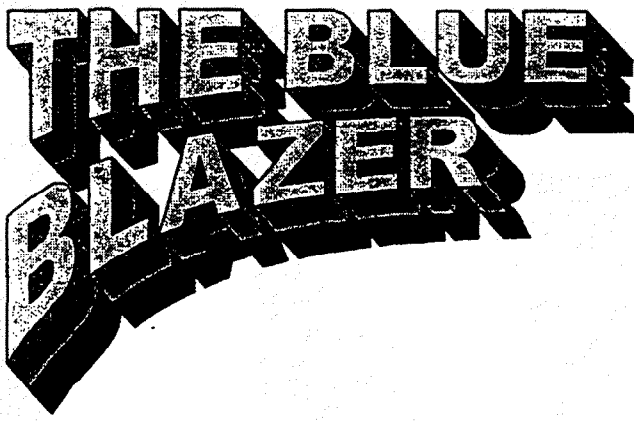
  
Councilman David Garcia, District 5

  
Councilman Enrique M. Barrera, District 6

  
Councilwoman Bonner Conner, District 8

  
Councilman Carroll Schubert, District 9

  
Councilman David Carpenter, District 10



From  
**The Department Of Public Works  
CUSTOMER SERVICE ACTION  
TEAM**

Blue Blazer Number: 15-124-2002

TO: Councilmember Julian Castro – District 7 through  
Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E. \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

COPIES: Transportation Group, File

DATE: 11/22/02

**COPY**

*Thank you for contacting the City of San Antonio, Department of Public Works. The Public Works Customer Service Action Team strives to address all citizen requests. We appreciate the time you have taken to contact us. The results of the investigation conducted by Public Works staff are contained herein.*

**Request for Service:**

Councilmember Julian Castro requests the installation of an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Rivas and 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Department of Public Works' Action:**

The Public Works Transportation Group received your requests for the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Rivas and 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Although we appreciate the concerns of the neighborhood, an all-way stop is not recommended at this location.

The *Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD)* outlines the necessary traffic conditions, including specific traffic volumes, that must exist before an all-way stop sign should be installed. The *TMUTCD* requires that an average of 500 vehicles per hour enter the intersection from all approaches during the eight highest hours of traffic. In addition, there must be at least 200 vehicles per hour on the minor-street approaches during the same eight hours. Traffic counts collected in April 2002 indicate that the volume of traffic on Rivas is insufficient to warrant all-way stop control. Specifically, during the eight highest hours of traffic, an average of only 49 vehicles per hour enters the intersection from Rivas, the minor street. This volume of traffic is only 24 percent of that needed to warrant all-way stop control.

An all-way stop sign may also be used to treat an accident problem at an intersection as indicated by five or more correctable accidents in 12 months. According to police accident records, only one accident has been reported at this intersection in the past 12 months.

Based on the low volume of traffic and good safety record, an all-way stop sign is not recommended.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas G. Wendorf , P.E., Director of Public Works, at 207-8020.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service Action Team.

**John Rodriguez - Traffic: 207-6028**

**Kim Galvan - Stormwater/Drainage: 207-6027**

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**Veronique Laureano - Street Maintenance: 207-8306**

**Alan Trejo - Street Maintenance: 207-6026**

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Blueblazer #

15-124-2002

Date:

September 16, 2002

Due Date:

ASAP

Department of:

Public Works  
ATTN: Tom Wendorf, Director

Through:

Terry Brechtel, City Manager

From Councilmember:

Julián Castro, District 7

RE:

4-WAY STOP SIGN INSTALLATION

Contact:

Chris Castro, Constituent Co-Director @ 207-2727

Please investigate the intersection of Rivas St. and NW 34<sup>th</sup> St. for installation of a 4-way stop sign. This has been a dangerous intersection and yet another accident occurred here three days ago. Your immediate attention is appreciated.

JC/cdc

- ☒ Submit Recommendations or Comments  
☐ Prepare Response for My Signature  
☐ Note Below Action Taken and Return Form



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City Manager



City Council

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REQUEST ADD/UPDATE

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COMMAND: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST: 2000059761 BLUE BLAZER: 2000007878

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REQUEST: 2000059761 INITIATOR: 07 DISTRICT 7 STATUS: C  
RECEIVED: 10 12 2000 TIME: 08 14 BY: DF00007 METHOD: 09  
CATEGORY: 240 TRAFFIC STUDY REQUEST RESPOND BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ RIVAS ST INTERSECTING STREET: 34TH ST NW  
ZIP: 78228 DISTRICT: 07 TOWN CODE: 00 MAP PAGE: 615B2  
UPPER ST: \_\_\_\_\_ LOWER ST: \_\_\_\_\_ GEO-VALIDATED: N  
REQUESTOR: LAST NAME: GARCIA FIRST NAME: RICHARD  
ADDRESS: 166 TESLA DR  
CITY: SAN ANTONIO ZIP: 78228 6048 PH: 210 435 2297  
ROUTED ON: 10 12 2000 AT: 08 14 TO: 02 BY: DF00007 CALLBACK:  
COMMENTS: REQUEST FOR ALL-WAY STOP AT NW 35TH AND RIVAS AND ANOTHER A  
T NW 34TH AND INEZ.

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ACTION: 23 TRAFFIC COMPLETED ASSIGNED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ SRV CTR: TR  
DATE: 12 08 2000 TIME: 12 00 BY: KAS  
REMARKS: ALL-WAY STOP NOT WARRANTED, INSUFFICIENT TRAFFIC VOLUME,  
GOOD VISIBILITY & ACCIDENT HISTORY SHOWED NO NEED FOR CHANGE  
F1=HELP F2=MAIN MENU F3=RETURN F4=ACTIONS F5=DUP ACTION  
F6=NEW ACTION F9=CALLBACKS F10=ADD COMMENTS F11=ADD REMARKS F12=EXIT