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Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Ordinance Prohibiting U-turns at the Eliseo Drive and Via La Cumbre Intersection, Greenbrae.

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Conduct the merit hearing; and 2) adopt the ordinance.

SUMMARY: California Vehicle Code section 22113 allows local authorities to prohibit turn movements at any intersection or between designated intersections. In response to a request from residents in the area, Department of Public Works staff evaluated the need for a U-turn restriction at the northbound approach to the intersection of Eliseo Drive and Via la Cumbre. Concerns were expressed regarding traffic from westbound Sir Francis Drake Boulevard turning onto Eliseo Drive and then making U-turns at the Eliseo Drive/ Via La Cumbre intersection to avoid queues at the Eliseo Drive/Sir Francis Drake intersection. Many motorists have been observed using this maneuver to access the Bon Air Shopping Center or to reenter westbound Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. To address the above concerns, it is proposed that a no U-turn regulation be established at the intersection of Eliseo Drive and Via La Cumbre, for northbound Eliseo Drive traffic. The proposed U-turn restriction would discourage the diversion of traffic onto the more residential Eliseo Drive and may enhance the traffic signal operation by reducing the amount of signal time devoted to the side street to address diverted bypass traffic.

The California Highway Patrol has reviewed and supports the proposed U-turn restriction. The Greenbrae Property Owners Association was also notified and the Association is not opposed to the proposed U-turn restriction, provided residents in the vicinity were notified. A 30-day notice was sent to surrounding residents. Ten responses were received in favor of the proposed U-Turn restriction. No opposition to the U-Turn restriction was received. A first reading of the ordinance was conducted by your Board on March 17, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT: This action will result in the installation and ongoing maintenance of signs and markings. Existing funds are budgeted and available in Road Fund 20100, Fund Center 4100061000 and Commitment Item # 5220500. There is no additional impact to the General Fund by this action.

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Respectfully submitted,



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