



Staff Report

Agenda Item No.

D-1

To: City of Imperial Planning Commission and Traffic Committee

From: Isabel Alvarez, Administrative Analyst

Date: April 12, 2017

Subject: **Request for installation of stop signs at 6th and F Streets for north and south traffic.**

Background

The intersection at 6th and F Streets is currently a two-way stop for east and west traffic. Ben Hulse Elementary is located two blocks from the proposed intersection and has high pedestrian traffic during morning and afternoon hours. We have received complaints from residents of motorists speeding through the area putting school children at risk.

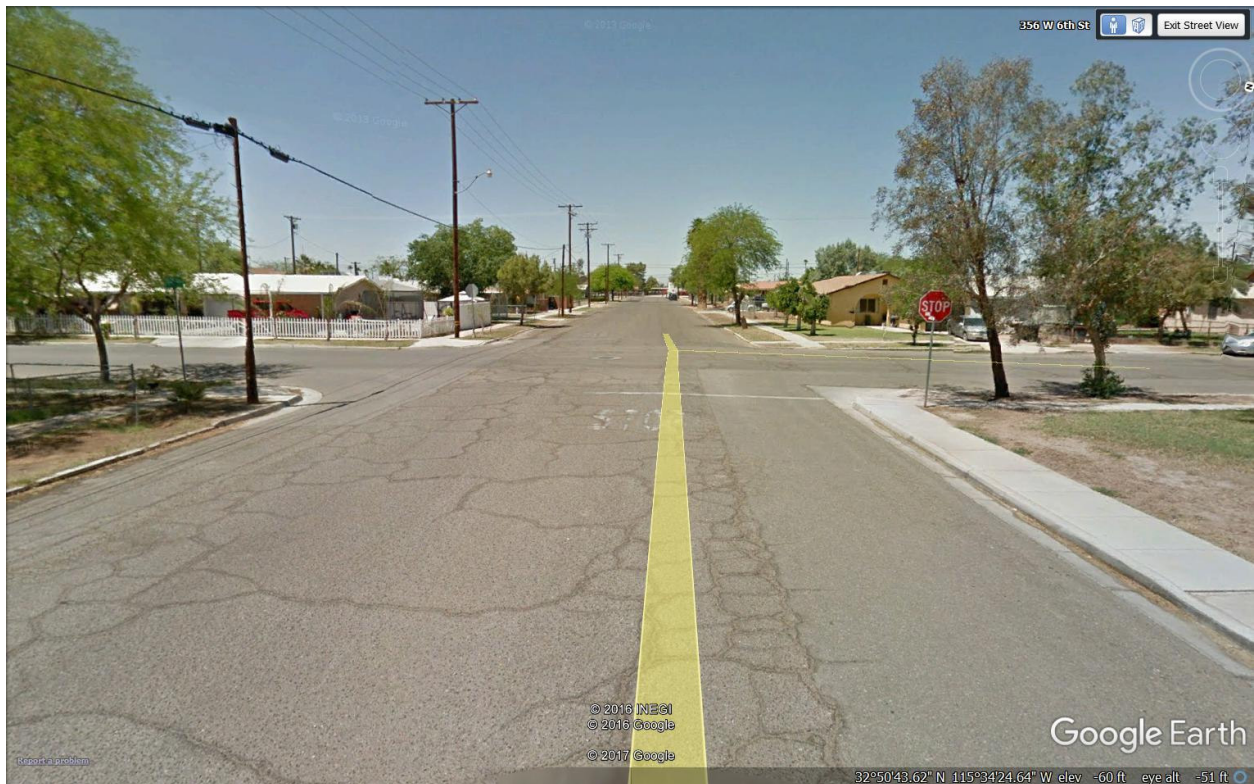
F Street runs north and south, with a speed limit of 25 MPH. Basic Speed Law states: "No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property" (CVC 22350). All other speed limits are called prima facie limits, which are considered by law to be safe and prudent under normal conditions. Certain prima facie limits are established by state law and include the 25 MPH speed limit in business and residential districts and the 25 MPH in school zones when children are present. Residence district speed limits do not need to be posted to be enforceable.

There are no stop signs for 1,500 feet on F Street between 4th Street and Barioni Boulevard. This long stretch makes it easy for motorists to travel at a high rate of speed.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of F Street and 6th Street. The Police Department and Fire Department have reviewed the proposed installation and concur with the recommendation.

(Aerial photo of F Street between Barioni Boulevard and 4th Street)



(Street view of intersection at F Street and 6th Street looking west)