

Fort Bend County Engineering FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

Richard W. Stolleis, P.E. County Engineer

December 1, 2016

Commissioner W. A. "Andy" Meyers Fort Bend County Precinct 3 22333 Grand Corner Drive Katy, Texas 77494

RE: Canal Road at Bella Terra Parkway – Multi-Way Stop Control

Dear Commissioner Meyers:

The Fort Bend County Engineering Department has completed a review of the operational conditions at the intersection of Canal Road at Bella Terra Parkway in response to a request for multi-way stop control. The posted speed limit on both roadways is 35 mph. The intersection currently operates with stop control on Bella Terra Parkway. Both roadways are identified as Collectors in the 2015 Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Traffic counts were collected and used to evaluate the intersection for multi-way stop control based on the warrants specified in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Based on the data collected, traffic volumes warrant multi-way stop control at the intersection. Additionally, there have been eight crashes in the past 12 months that are susceptible to correction by multi-way stop control. The multi-way stop control worksheet and updated traffic control plan are attached.

Based on the above results, Engineering recommends the conversion of the intersection to multi-way stop control. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 281-633-7528 or chris.debaillon@fortbendcountytx.gov.

Regards,

Chris Debaillon, PE, PTOE

Assistant County Engineer - Traffic

CD/mjs

cc: Judge Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Marc Grant - FBC Road & Bridge Brian Fields - Signage Department

File

Attachments

Multi-Way Stop Warrant Analysis Summary

2011 Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Multi-Way Stop Warrants

Precinct



Streets		Speeds:	85th Pct.	Posted
Major	Canal Rd		42	35
Minor	Bella Terra Pkwy		29	35

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Eight Highest Hours:

Survey Date: 9/7/2016

Hour	Major St.	Minor St.	
Hour	Veh. Total	Unit Total	
18:00	313	350	
19:00	308	354	
17:00	315	339	
16:00	278	327	
14:00	234	299	
15:00	237	291	
12:00	258	251	
13:00	253	232	
Average	275	305	

Required Average Vehicle Volumes:

Major St Both Approaches			Minor St Both Approaches		
100%	80%	70%	100%	80%	70%
300	240	210	200	160	140

80% Condition used when there have been 4 or more crashes susceptible to correction by a multi-way stop in a 12-month period

70% Condition used when major street posted or 85th percentile speed exceeds 40 mph

Eight-Hour Average Vehiclular Volume Warrant Satisfied?

Yes

Is a traffic signal warranted and are arrangements being made for its installation?				
Have there been 5 or more crashes susceptible to correction by a multi-way stop in a 12-month period?				
Is a driver on the minor street, after stopping, unable to see conflicting traffic and is unable to reasonably negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop?	No			
Is there a need to control pedestrian/vehicle conflicts and is the intersection near a location generating high pedestrian volumes?	No			
Is the intersection composed of two residential neighborhood collector streets of similar design and operating characteristics where multi-way stop control would improve operations?	No			
Comments:				
Warrants the installation of multi-way stop control based on crash history and traffic volumes.				

