

## City Manager's



### Weekly Update Friday, December 7, 2007

**Traffic:** This week's update has three traffic-related items.

- **Item 1** – Signal timing: A letter to the Lodi News-Sentinel complained that the city's signal lights are poorly timed. The city has 61 signalized intersections, with 14 of those maintained by Caltrans. Some signals run on a coordinated system, but most have pavement detectors that activate the signal controllers. Sometimes those signals need repairs, but Public Works staff believes the signals are efficiently managed.
- **Item 2** – California/Turner: The city also received a request that a traffic signal be installed at the intersection of California/Edgewood and Turner Road. A left-turn lane created at the intersection in recent years has reduced collisions at that location. The intersection is on the city's potential signal list, but it remains a low priority. Of the 61 signalized intersections in Lodi, 56 have had more accidents over the past three years than at the Turner at California/Edgewood location. Even taking into account higher traffic volumes, intersections with signals have higher average accident rates than other intersections.
- **Item 3** – Traffic surveys completed: Engineering completed another round of studies to support some of the city's posted speed limits. Here are the streets studied and speed limits, none of which are recommended for changes:
  - Evergreen (Elm to Turner), 30 mph
  - Lodi Avenue:
    - 950 feet west of Lower Sac to Mills, 40 mph
    - Mills to Ham, 40 mph
    - Ham to Cherokee, 30 mph
    - Cherokee to Guild, 35 mph
  - Victor Road (Cherokee to Highway 99), 35 mph
  - Vine Street:
    - Lower Sac to Ham, 35 mph
    - Ham to Hutchins, 30 mph

**White Slough permit:** The city plans to file its response Friday or Monday (the deadline) to the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance's challenge of the city's wastewater discharge permit. The California League of Food Processors and member Pacific Coast Producers have submitted letters supporting the permit.

**Police records audit:** A nonprofit public interest group recently completed another audit of police departments in California to check their compliance with the California Public Records Act. Lodi's department received high scores, with a B+ for compliance and an A+ for customer service. The A+ was partly received because the department does not charge anything for copying fees.

**Thanks for the Guard:** The National Guard gave the city a certificate of recognition for supporting Guard families with a Christmas party on December 1.