

# REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Each year, the City of La Quinta receives many inquiries about stop signs, speed limits signs, warning signs, traffic signals and other traffic control devices. The City takes these inquiries very seriously and makes a concerted effort to respond to these kinds of inquiries in a timely manner.



Public understanding of the function of stop signs is one of the most critical elements in reducing speeding and traffic accidents.

All requests for changes to traffic control devices are carefully evaluated using the following established warrants provided in the

California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD):

The following information explains the City's policies and procedures for address requests from members of the public about traffic control devices on City maintained intersections and streets.

## INSTALLATION POLICIES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

The CAMUTCD determines the size, shape and color of all traffic signs. This manual has criteria for installing signs and thus creates uniformity from state to state. The criteria are also known as "traffic warrants".

These warrants identify specific traffic, bicycle and pedestrian volumes, accident history, and any unusual conditions, which must be present at the intersection or midblock location before these traffic control devices may be installed



## PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING CHANGES TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Requests for new traffic control devices and changes to existing traffic control devices by La Quinta residents are best submitted using the GOResult system via the web or a free downloadable app:

[www.la-quinta.org/your-government/public-works/report-an-issue](http://www.la-quinta.org/your-government/public-works/report-an-issue)



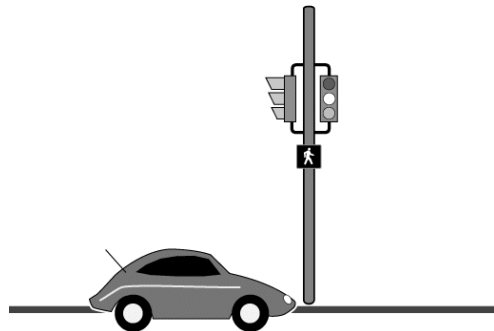
All requests are evaluated by the City Traffic Engineer using the CAMUTCD. The CAMUTCD can be viewed at:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/trafficops/engineering/mutcd/ca\\_mutcd2014.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/trafficops/engineering/mutcd/ca_mutcd2014.htm)

When necessary, data is collected and a site visit is made.

If a decision is made to make a change to an existing traffic control device or to install a new one, a work order is issued and the work is completed by the Public Works Department's Maintenance Services Division.

Sometimes, depending on the nature of the request, it may be necessary to program a project into the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) if funding is available or placed on a list for future funding. If there is insufficient funding the project is placed on a list of future projects to be funded.



The resident making the request is notified of the results of their request, and the request is closed out and documented in the City's GORquest system.

## ADDRESSING CITIZEN CONCERNS

The City takes its role in solving traffic problems very seriously, yet the ultimate burden of safety rests with you, the citizen in La Quinta.

Since we receive over 150 citizen requests per year, we cannot always investigate your request as quickly as we would like to. However, we will respond after carefully evaluating your request. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

## REQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

If you have questions, requests or suggestions concerning traffic, please call the Public Works please call the Public Works Department at

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