
Policy Addressing Memorials In Public Right of Way

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Why we need a policy -

- **Helps staff communicate a uniform message to grieving parties**
- **Reinforces the City's control over what takes place in the right of way.**
- **Complaints have been received regarding this issue.**

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Recent Memorials

- Pacific Way and Country Club Drive
- Ocean Beach Highway and 38th Avenue
- SR 432 and Memorial Park Drive



SR 432 at
Memorial Park Dr.

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For Council Consideration

- **Adopt a policy prohibiting memorials in the right of way**
 - **Policy Option 1**
- **Adopt a policy allowing memorials in the right of way under certain conditions.**
 - **Policy Option 2**

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Option 1 - Policy prohibiting memorials

- **Memorials create a visual distraction**
- **Memorials attract family and friends to stop and congregate next to traffic**
- **Memorials put the public and grieving parties at risk**
- **If allowed, control of memorial objects is limited due to free speech rights**

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Option 2 - Policy allowing memorials

- **City wants to deal sensitively with grieving parties**
- **Memorials appear when tragic deaths occur in the right of way**
- **Memorial policy provides conditions to limit the risk to the public, grieving parties, and the City**
- **Memorial policy will limit the time the memorial can be in place to 90 days from the date memorial objects are first placed in the right of way.**
- **Memorial policy will allow the City to remove memorial objects for operations, maintenance, and safety reasons**

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Discussion