



California Traffic Control Devices Committee Agenda Item Report



Meeting Date: November 03, 2022 Item Number: 15-12	From: Michael Azevedo County of Colusa Public Works
Sponsored By: Mike Sallaberry, Caltrans – Active Transportation Livable Streets Subdivision, SFMTA	Presented By: Gurinderpal (Johnny) Bhullar, PE, TE, Secretary, CTCDC
Description: Request for Closure of Experiment on Traffic Calming Treatments in Princeton, CA.	

Recommendation:

Motion by committee to approve closure of this experiment based on email by Michael Azevedo dated October 20, 2022, requesting closure of experiment.

Agency Making Request/Sponsor:

County of Colusa / Mike Sallaberry, SFMTA, CTCDC Member

Background:

County of Colusa requested approval from CTCDC to experiment with traffic calming treatments in Princeton, CA. CTCDC provided approval in CTCDC’s June 4, 2015, meeting. The experiment was implemented as part of a joint effort between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 3 Traffic Operations Branch and Colusa County Department of Public Works.

This experiment proposed to evaluate the effectiveness of low-cost traffic calming strategies on reducing speeds along a major road (State Route 45 under the jurisdiction of District 3) through a small northern California community. These treatments were not effective and speeds actually increased in some locations. In response to these results, Caltrans District 3 terminated the experiment and the District Director informed the County of the experiment’s results and termination of the experiment.

County of Colusa in their email from Michael Azevedo dated October 20, 2022 has requested closure of this experiment. It is recommended that the CTCDC close this experiment.

Attachments:

Attachment – County of Colusa email dated October 20, 2022.



ATTACHMENT



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Attachment – County of Colusa email dated October 20, 2022.

From: [Michael Azevedo](#)
To: [Shaikh_Ejaz@DOT](#)
Cc: [Mcnew, Robert D@DOT](#)
Subject: RE: Closure of Experiment Reminder
Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 7:01:21 PM

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Hello Ejaz,

As noted below, the referenced experimental project was unsuccessful and the County of Colusa considers the project closed. Don't hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Michael J Azevedo

Colusa County Public Works
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From: Shaikh, Ejaz@DOT <Ejaz.Shaikh@dot.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Michael Azevedo <mjazevedo@countyofcolusa.com>
Cc: Mcnew, Robert D@DOT <Robert.Mcnew@dot.ca.gov>
Subject: Closure of Experiment Reminder

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Hello Michael,

This email is just a reminder for you to send us a formal response of closing the following experiment:

"Traffic Calming in Treatments in Princeton, CA"

Just a brief background: This experiment was conducted as a joint effort between Caltrans District 3 Traffic Operations branch and the Colusa County Department of Public Works. However, Caltrans District 3 terminated the experiment due to ineffectiveness of the treatments (since they had the opposite effect of increasing speeds). The District 3 director had notified the county of the results and termination.

Your predecessor, Scott Lanphier, was the contact person before you. However, as you may know, he has left the county and we haven't received a formal closure letter. Even an email response of formal closure of the experiment would suffice.

Thank you,

Ejaz Shaikh

Transportation Engineer
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