

## Kirk Vartan

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**From:** Norris, Tom [tom.norris@sanjoseca.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2008 8:20 AM

**To:** 'kirk@kvartan.com'

**Subject:** RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

This report covers incidents at the intersection of Winchester and Forest from 1988 up to the present time—we have no data prior to 1988 because we did not annex the territory until then. If you look at the report closely, you will note that it covers all directions.

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**From:** Kirk Vartan [mailto:kirk@kvartan.com]

**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2008 9:51 PM

**To:** 'Norris, Tom'

**Subject:** RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

Thanks Tom....this looks great. Can you run the report two more times with the following info:

**Start Date:** 1/1/1960

**End Date:** 11/1/2008

**First report:** Winchester and Forest Ave (east)

**Second report:** Winchester and Forest Ave (west)

Do you know what intersection this last report was for? I think I recognize the number 62260 as one of the traffic light numbers, but I am not sure.

Thanks again,

-Kirk

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**From:** Norris, Tom [mailto:tom.norris@sanjoseca.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2008 3:44 PM

**To:** 'kirk@kvartan.com'

**Subject:** RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

This is what we have. Hope it helps.

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**From:** Kirk Vartan [mailto:kirk@kvartan.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2008 12:21 PM  
**To:** 'Norris, Tom'  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

OK...thanks.

Can you provide any accident details of this light/intersection (please open it up to both Forest traffic lights)? Is this something that the City tracks? I guess the request would be from 1988 on.

Thanks,

-Kirk

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**From:** Norris, Tom [mailto:tom.norris@sanjoseca.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 17, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** 'kirk@kvartan.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

The signal timing records indicate the cycle that the light goes through depending upon the events that trigger the cycle, but they do not record how many times a signal actually goes through the cycle during a period of time. Transportation staff tells me that it is possible to extract information from a signal regarding how often it was triggered during a time period, but that we do not normally undertake that action would have to hire an outside vendor to perform the extraction. They were not sure what that would cost, so I cannot give you an estimate at this time, but their guess was that it would not be inexpensive.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kirk Vartan [mailto:kirk@kvartan.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2008 5:27 PM  
**To:** 'Norris, Tom'  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

Hi Tom,

Do the records show how often the light is triggered?

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-Kirk

-----Original Message-----

From: Norris, Tom [mailto:tom.norris@sanjoseca.gov]  
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 2:52 PM  
To: 'kirk@kvartan.com'; Norris, Tom  
Subject: RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

Dear Mr. Vartan:

Apparently the only records we have on this traffic light (and this is not unusual for such devices that we "inherited" during an annexation) are routine maintenance and signal timing records. Are you interested in examining these records and, if so, for what time period?

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kirk Vartan [mailto:kirk@kvartan.com]  
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 4:24 PM  
To: 'Norris, Tom'  
Subject: RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

Thank you Tom. So to be clear, San Jose has no records of any kind on this light?

Thanks,

-Kirk

-----Original Message-----

From: Norris, Tom [mailto:tom.norris@sanjoseca.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 1:53 PM  
To: 'kirk@kvartan.com'  
Cc: City Clerk  
Subject: RE: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.

Dear Mr. Vartan:

This message is in response to your request for public records received November 10 regarding the traffic light at the intersection of Winchester

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Boulevard and Forest Avenue. Responses are as follow:

1. A copy of the original traffic/signal study done for the current traffic light at Forest Avenel (west) and Winchester Blvd.
2. The date the traffic light was installed
3. Any letters or documentation about the intersection before the light was installed, regarding any incidents, accidents, or issues that the public may have voiced
4. The cost of the installation of the light (if known)
5. The reason for installing the traffic light initially

The signal in question was installed by the City of Santa Clara prior to the annexation of the territory by the City of San Jose in 1988. Consequently, we do not have any of the records or information described above. I suggest that you contact the City of Santa Clara for such records.

6. A copy of the new traffic study for removing the light
7. Justification for removal of the light

The traffic study was done for the City of Santa Clara as part of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) completed for the BAREC site development. For a complete copy of this document, you should contact the City of Santa Clara. However, I have attached a copy of the September 10, 2008, memorandum from the City of San Jose Department of Public Works to the Rules and Open Government Committee that includes, as an attachment, the pertinent information from the traffic study for the traffic signal at Winchester and Forest as reviewed by the City of San Jose in response to the encroachment permit application from the City of Santa Clara.

8. Any other relevant information about the light or the intersection that you think would help.

I would need for you to clarify just what that information would be to be able to respond.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kirk Vartan [mailto:kirk@kvartan.com]  
 Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 1:44 AM  
 To: tom.norris@sanjoseca.gov; cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov  
 Cc: kirk@kvartan.com  
 Subject: Public Records Act request - Original traffic study Forest Ave (west)/Winchester Blvd.  
 Importance: High

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Hello,

I would like to make a formal request under the Public Records Act regarding the original traffic study that was conducted at the intersection of Forest Ave. (west) and Winchester Blvd. in San Jose, CA. It is my understanding that every time a traffic light is installed, a traffic study is conducted. I would like the following:

1. A copy of the original traffic/signal study done for the current traffic light at Forest Avenel (west) and Winchester Blvd.
2. The date the traffic light was installed
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7. Justification for removal of the light
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Thank you very much,

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