



**CITY OF SALINAS
CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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TITLE: ESTABLISH ALL-WAY STOP AT CALIFORNIA STREET AND
EAST SAN LUIS STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution establishing an All-Way STOP at California Street and East San Luis Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to install All-Way STOP signs at the intersection of California Street and East San Luis Street. The request was received following several collisions which occurred within a span of three to four months as well as a concern of students walking at this intersection to schools. All-Way STOPs are considered using a combination of quantitative and qualitative criteria. This intersection satisfies the qualitative criteria for an All-Way STOP and has a history of broadside collisions; therefore, staff is recommending approval of establishment of an All-Way STOP at California Street and East San Luis Street. The Traffic and Transportation Commission approved an alternate recommendation which includes striping on California Street. Staff do not support this alternate recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

In late 2023, staff received a request from a resident with neighborhood support to install All-Way STOP signs at the intersection of California Street and East San Luis Street. Staff performed a traffic analysis that utilizes a combination of quantitative and qualitative establishment criteria recommended by the California – Manual on Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD).

The CA-MUTCD states that in order for an all way stop condition to be warranted, the intersection should either have five or more reported correctable collisions in a 12-month period or have an average of at least 300 vehicles per hour from the major approach and 200 vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists per hour from the minor street approaches for an 8-hour period of the day. The manual allows for reductions to these thresholds if the approach speed on the major street exceeds 40 mph. While this intersection does not satisfy the volume nor the specific crash history criteria

per Section 2B.07 04 of the CA-MUTCD, this intersection has a history of broadside collisions which are correctable by installation of an All-Way STOP.

The qualitative establishment criteria consider other contributing factors that may satisfy establishment criteria using engineering judgement. Factors analyzed in the qualitative analysis include elements such as land use generators (schools, business districts, etc.), geometric conditions (blind curves, unimproved shoulders, etc.), and corridor planning measures (interim solution while large improvements are built). When considering the qualitative establishment criteria, this intersection satisfies this criterion given the proximity to a school bus pickup/drop off for Roosevelt Elementary School, the Salinas Child Development Center and pedestrian crossings for middle and high schools.

The Traffic and Transportation Commission

The recommendation to establish an All-Way STOP at the intersection of California Street and East San Luis Street was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its January 8, 2026 meeting. The Commission voted on an amended motion which added striping California Street. The Commission voted (4-1) recommending City Council approve a Resolution to establish All-Way STOP at the intersection of California Street and East San Luis Street with the consideration of restriping California Street, as amended by Commission Dailey.

On October 14, 2025, the City Council approved the 2025-2026 Prioritization of Restriping Projects. This staff report did not include California Street because this segment of California Street is considered a local street by both the City of Salinas and the California Department of Transportation. Consistent with CA-MUTCD recommendations, local streets are not required to provide centerline striping. Staff recommends the City Council approve a Resolution establishing an All-Way STOP at the intersection of California Street and East San Luis Street but do not support striping of California Street as recommended by the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Categorical Exemption. The City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301, Class 1) because the project proposes minor alteration of an existing public facilities.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This item supports City Council's Vision and Strategic Goals of Public Safety and Infrastructure.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Street Signs are installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Traffic enforcement is coordinated with the Police Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No fiscal impacts are anticipated. Funds allocated to the Traffic division will be used by the Maintenance division for the installation of stop signs.

Fund	General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation	Amount Requested
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution - California at San Luis All-Way Stop
- Attachment 1: California Street at East San Luis Street Warrant Analysis
- Attachment 2: All-Way Stop Sign Plan Exhibit California at E San Luis