



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

DEPARTMENT: **PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION**

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TITLE: **“NO STOPPING” RED ZONES AT THE INTERSECTION OF RICO STREET AT VINCENT PLACE**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion recommending City Council approve a Resolution establishing 70 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Rico Street at Vincent Place.

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Works staff recommends the Traffic and Transportation Commission recommend City Council approve a Resolution establishing 70 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Rico Street at Vincent Place.

DISCUSSION:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersections of Rico Street at Vincent Place. Staff conducted an analysis and determined sight lines necessary to make a safe turning movement based on gap acceptance decision for turning movements for the minor roadway (Vincent Place) while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major roadway (Rico Street). Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of a total of 70 feet of parking along Rico Street (see Attachment 1).

Intersection sight distance criteria for stop-controlled intersections is typically longer than stopping sight distance to allow the intersection to operate smoothly. Minor road vehicle operators can wait at the approach until they can adequately evaluate sufficient gaps in traffic so that they can proceed safely without forcing a major road vehicle to stop or unduly interfering with major road traffic operations. For this application, staff is recommending stopping sight distance as the minimum standard to apply to provide adequate sight lines and minimize the impacts to on-street parking capacity.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301, Class 1(c)) because the actions consist of operation and minor alteration of an existing City street.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The Rico Street “No Stopping” red zones support the Council’s goal of “Public Safety.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Red zones are installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement staff (LAZ) and the Police Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Stopping” red zones along Rico Street is estimated to be \$300.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed “No Stopping” Red Zones Exhibit