



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** OCTOBER 14, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS

**FROM:** ADRIANA ROBLES, PE, CFM, CITY ENGINEER

**TITLE:** VACATION OF NEW STREET RIGHT OF WAY

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution vacating the northerly 124-feet of New Street right of way.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In February 2017, the City of Salinas and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to redevelop the Salinas Train Station into a transit facility to accommodate new commuter passenger rail services outside the region in support of the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Vacating the northerly 124-feet of New Street right of way will allow TAMC to move forward with the layover facility.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Salinas Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) (formerly the Salinas Train Station) is located northwest of the intersection of North Main Street and West Market Street (State Route 183 on both streets). In 1998, the City of Salinas acquired the Salinas Amtrak Train Station and surrounding property through the former Redevelopment Agency. In February 2017, the City of Salinas and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding the redevelopment of the area surrounding the Salinas Train Station at the ITC into a transit facility to accommodate new commuter passenger rail services outside the region in support of the Monterey County Rail Extension Project (the "Project"), Resolution No. 21119.

The MOU outlined several capital improvement activities and responsibilities between the two agencies and identified TAMC as the leading agency for the development of the Project, including funding, planning, applicable state and federal environmental review, design, right of way acquisition, and construction of the Project. In March 2021, TAMC completed Package 1 improvements of the Project which included construction of two new parking lots to accommodate new commuter passenger rail services (totaling 287 stalls), extension of Lincoln Avenue to Station Place, signal improvements at the intersection of Lincoln Ave and West Market St, and construction of a bus turnaround facility with 5 bus bays.

Package 2 of the Project will construct a new layover facility consisting of six new yard tracks, a storage building, crew base building, on-site parking lot, site improvements and street improvements along New Street. In order for Package 2 to move forward, the northerly 124-feet of New Street right of way need to be vacated. Vacation of a total of 6,200 square feet of right of way will transfer ownership and maintenance responsibility to the adjoining properties owned by TAMC.

Noticing of the proposed vacation has been completed in accordance with state law.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Vacating the right-of-way at New Street supports the City Council's 2025 Strategic Plan of Economic Development and Infrastructure. By supporting the development of the Monterey County Rail Extension Project, the City Council is preparing for a future rail connection with the Bay Area that will enhance residents' ability to commute and will expand tourism in the area.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Public Works Department and Community Development Department have worked closely in the review of proposed improvements at the ITC. Both departments periodically meet with TAMC to facilitate the development of the Project.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This action does not have a fiscal impact. Vacating the right of way will transfer ownership and maintenance responsibility to the adjoining property owned by TAMC.

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  
New St Vacation Plat and Legal Description