



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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TITLE: MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT (MST) BUS STOPS RED ZONES

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution establishing 140 feet of bus stop red zones along Van Buren Avenue south of Russell Road and Van Buren Avenue north of Eisenhower Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution establishing 140 feet of bus stop red zones along Van Buren Avenue south of Russell Road and Van Buren Avenue north of Eisenhower Street.

DISCUSSION:

Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) is the provider of public transit services throughout Monterey County and operates an extensive network of bus routes through Salinas. On February 10, 2022, the Traffic and Transportation Commission received a presentation on the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). This included re-evaluating where and how often the bus should run in and around Salinas. The COA was adopted by the MST board on February 14, 2022 (Attachment 1). The network changes are now starting to go into effect.

Line 49 – Santa Rita via Northridge currently services the Santa Rita community on Bolivar Street, Van Buren Avenue between Bolivar Street and San Juan Grade Road, and San Juan Grade Road between Van Buren Avenue and North Main Street. MST is expanding its service along Van Buren Avenue and updating the bus stop locations to its Line 49. MST is requesting the installation of bus stop red zones to ensure buses can access the curb at the new bus stops. Each stop will require 90 feet of clear curbside access to ensure a 40-foot-long bus can access the curb. At Van Buren Avenue near Russel Road 90 feet of curbside is proposed as a bus stop red zones. At Van Buren Avenue near Eisenhower Street the proposed bus stop is located between two 20-foot-wide driveways and only 50 feet of curbside is proposed as bus stop red zone. These red zones will include the letters “BUS ZONE” in white stencil on the top of the red curb makings. Parking in a bus zone is a higher citation than parking in a typical red zone.

Line 45 – East Market-Creekbridge currently provides service between the Salinas Transit Center, East Market St, North Sanborn Rd, Freedom Parkway, Constitution Blvd and Independence Blvd (Creekbridge), East Boronda Rd and Northridge Mall. MST is modifying the route to provide a loop at Creekbridge and drop service on Boronda Rd and Northridge Mall. The loop will include new stops at Nantucket Blvd at Independence Blvd, Nantucket Blvd at Hemingway Dr, Nantucket Blvd at Declaration St, Constitution Blvd at Nantucket Blvd, and Constitution Blvd at Beacon Hill Dr. Each of the new bus stop locations for Line 45 are currently no parking zones, and no additional red zones would be required.

Several of the proposed new bus stops will require ADA landings adjacent to the face of curb. The City will coordinate the installation of the new ADA landings using the job order contract. MST will reimburse the City the cost of the installations.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

At its September 8th, 2022 the Traffic and Transportation Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to approve a motion recommending to City Council the approval of a Resolution establishing 140 feet of bus stop red zones along Van Buren Avenue south of Russell Road and Van Buren Avenue north of Eisenhower Street.

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:

Bus stops red zones support the Council’s goal of “Public Safety” and “Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability”.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund with the proposed improvements. MST will reimburse the City for the cost to install the red zones and the ADA landings.

Scope of Work	Estimated Cost
Red Zones (Installed by City Staff)	\$200.00
3 MST Landings (JOC Contractor)	\$9,114.00
Total Estimate	\$9,314.00

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: MST Comprehensive Operational Analysis

Attachment 2: MST Existing Network Map

Attachment 3: Proposed Changes to Lines 45 and 49

Attachment 4: Proposed Bus Stop Red Zones