



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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TITLE: REMOVAL OF THE UNCONTROLLED MARKED CROSSWALK AT ABBOTT STREET AT CHAMBERLAIN STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion recommending to the City Council the removal of the uncontrolled marked crosswalk at Abbott Street at Chamberlain Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Works staff recommends the removal of the uncontrolled marked crosswalk at Abbott Street at Chamberlain Street.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Salinas adopted Crosswalk Policy Guidelines (Attachment 1) to prescribe a formal and transparent process for consideration of marked crosswalks. It provides information to be used when making decisions about where standard crosswalk can be marked; where crosswalks with special treatments, such as high-visibility crosswalks, flashing beacons and other special features, should be employed; and where crosswalks will not be marked due to safety concerns resulting from volume, speed, or sight distance issues.

The development project located on Abbott Street at Alameda Avenue is installing frontage improvements including curb, gutter, sidewalk, and landscaping. The existing pedestrian ramp across from Chamberlain Street will be removed and replaced with a standard curb, gutter and sidewalk. The marked crosswalk is located less than 300 feet away from the appropriately marked crosswalk at Alameda Avenue and therefore does not meet the City's policy. Staff is recommending the marked crosswalk at Abbott Street at Chamberlain Street be removed.

Consistent with California Vehicle Code Policy, a 30-day notice was posted at the crosswalk indicating the consideration for removal.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Removal of an uncontrolled marked crosswalk on City street is exempt under CEQA 15301, Class 1(c) since the actions consists of operation and minor alteration of an existing City street.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This action supports the Council's initiative of Public Safety.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no cost to remove the uncontrolled marked crosswalk on at Abbott St and Chamberlain Street. The removal will occur during the 2021 Chip Seal Pavement Project and when the roadway is restriped the crosswalk will not be replaced (Attachment 2).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: City of Salinas Crosswalk Policy Guidelines

Attachment 2: Abbott Street Restriping Plans