



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION

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TITLE: “NO PARKING” RED ZONES AT THE INTERSECTION OF
DONNER WAY AND DONNER CIRCLE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution establishing a total of 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle (see Attachment 2).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution approving approximately 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones marking(s) to provide sufficient sight lines at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle. Staff conducted a field review and determined that parked vehicles obstructed sightlines necessary to provide the minimum stopping sight distance. Staff is recommending the designation of approximately 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle, equivalent to roughly two (2) parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient intersection sight lines.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request from a resident of Donner Circle to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle. Staff conducted an analysis and determined sight lines necessary to make a safe turning movement based on the gap acceptance decision for turning movements from the minor-roadway (Donner Circle) while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major-roadway (Donner Way). Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of approximately 50 feet of parking along Donner Way (see Attachment 2).

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 to minimize the impacts to on-street parking capacity.

Traffic and Transportation Commission

The establishment of a total of 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its June 13, 2019 meeting. The Commission voted 5-0 to recommend to the City Council to approve a resolution to establish 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle.

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 consists of operation and minor alteration of an existing City street.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The proposed “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle supports the Council of “well planned city and excellent infrastructure.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Red zones are installed and maintained by public works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with parking enforcement staff (SERCO) and the Police Department. The Community Development Department is notified of the request and recommended red zone.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Parking” red zone at the intersection of Donner Way and Donner Circle is estimated to be \$270.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets maintenance budget to fund proposed red zone installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: Proposed Red Zones at Donner Way and Donner Circle

Attachment 3: Letter of Support