



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

### **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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

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**TITLE:** “NO STOPPING” RED ZONES ON SOLEDAD STREET

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to consider recommending the establishment of “No Stopping” red zones along the entire length of Soledad Street on both sides, approximately 575 feet and replace existing parking signs on Soledad Street with no parking tow-way signs.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to City Council approve a Resolution establishing “No Stopping” red zones along the entire length of Soledad Street on both sides, approximately 575 feet and replace existing parking signs on Soledad Street with no parking tow-way signs.

#### BACKGROUND:

Public Works staff received a request from the Salinas Police Department to install “No Stopping” red zones along the entire length of Soledad Street on both sides, approximately 575 feet. The Salinas Police Department has provided the following statement: “The issue is no matter the color of the curb the frequent vehicles that tend to camp on the streets will park there especially in the white and green zones. We have allowed vehicles that are conducting business at the mission street shelter, Dorothy’s and MidPen to allow the patrons to put their hazards light on and enter to conduct their quick business. The Red Zone allows the police to keep the vehicles moving that do not have a legitimate reason to be on Soledad Street. I would like to place signs on the sidewalks stating all vehicles parked in the red zone are subject to being towed. We still have residents in MidPen that are parking their vehicle in front of the building and state to security they don’t care if they are given a ticket.”

Public Works, in an effort to support the Police Department and public safety, has already installed the red zones. The Commission is asked to consider recommending the approval to Council to formalize the installation. The Salinas Police Department notes that the red curbs are working.

#### 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:

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

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Salinas Police Department requested the red zones and the Public Works Department installs and maintains them. 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 “No Stopping” red zones along the entire length of Soledad Street on both sides, approximately 575 feet and replace existing parking signs on Soledad Street with no parking tow-way signs is estimated to be \$2,000. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installations.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed “No Stopping” red zones on Soledad Street