

# **REPORT TO THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

## ***City of Salinas, California***

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SUBJECT: TAXICAB ZONES NEAR THE FORMER GREYHOUND TERMINAL

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to consider recommending the removal of four (4) taxicab stands in near the former Greyhound terminal.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Taxicab Stands are spaces on public property or streets (parking stalls) approved by the City as a place where taxicabs may park and wait for hire. Taxicabs operating in the City are prohibited from parking while waiting for a fare on city streets except at designated taxicab stands (Sec. 33-13 – Salinas Municipal Code).

On November 9, 2016, the City received a request from the Salinas City Center Improvement Association (SCCIA), an association representing the property owner improvement district in the downtown area to remove existing taxicab stands near the former Greyhound Terminal and free the spaces for general downtown parking. These stands are along Gabilan Street near the intersection of Gabilan Street and Salinas Street.

Greyhound passengers needing end-of-trip connections to local destinations once used taxicab services actively. The City Greyhound station has moved to the Intermodal Transportation Center (at the Salinas Train Station).

There are only six taxicab stands in this general area of the former Greyhound Bus Station: four (4) along Gabilan Street, which are the subject of this request, and two (2) along Salinas Street next to Salinas Parking Lot 10, which were requested by the taxicab companies in 2009. The attached exhibit shows the location of these parking stalls.

Traffic staff conducted weekday parking occupancy counts for these stalls for a four-day period from December 19, 2016 to December 22, 2016. The counts were conducted at different times of the day. The parking survey shows the low use of the stalls along Gabilan Street while the taxicab stands on Salinas Street showed heavier use by taxicabs.

These counts confirm the low use of the taxicab zones on West Gabilan Street by taxicabs. Staff therefore supports the request of SCIAA to remove the zones and restore these parking stalls for

downtown parking. If approved, the restored stalls will fall under the same parking restrictions as other stalls in the block. Thus, if approved, two (2) restored stalls in front of the former Greyhound building will be 90-minute parking zones and the two (2) remaining restored stalls on West Gabilan Street will be 2-hour parking zones. The taxicab stands on Salinas Street will remain.

**ISSUE:**

Shall the Traffic and Transportation Commission recommend approval of removing taxicab stands on West Gabilan Street, near the former Greyhound building?

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are sufficient funds in the parking program budget to cover these costs, which will include curb repainting and new signs.

**TIME CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no time consideration although members of SCIAA, the requestors, are anxious to make the change that support merchants in the area.

**ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:**

1. Commission may decide not to recommend the request to Council.; or
2. Provide another direction to staff on how to proceed.

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS:**

This proposal does not directly address a Council goal. However, it addresses City Council desires for a more vibrant downtown.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

At its meeting of February 9, 2017 the Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to consider recommending Council's approval for removing four (4) taxicab stands along West Gabilan Street near the former Greyhound building.

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Exhibit A – Location Map  
Exhibit B – Occupancy Counts  
Exhibit C – Sec 33 S.M.C. – Taxicab Stands