



## CITY OF SALINAS

# TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

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

**FROM:** ANDREW EASTERLING, TRAFFIC ENGINEER

**TITLE:** PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN CHINATOWN

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to consider recommending the designation of **"NO PARKING OR STOPPING"** along East Lake Street between Bridge St and Soledad St, and along Bridge Street between E Lake St and Market Way.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution for the designation of **"NO PARKING OR STOPPING 10:00PM TO 4:30AM"** designations in Chinatown along East Lake Street between Bridge St and Soledad St, and along Bridge Street between E Lake St and Market Way.

### BACKGROUND:

The City of Salinas police department officials contacted public works staff and expressed desire to restrict parking along the southern side of East Lake Street between Bridge St and Soledad St, and along Bridge Street between E Lake St and Market Way. Police department officials are concerned that this street is constantly being used to conduct drug dealing and other illegal activity. The police department believes the availability of unrestricted parking is creating an environment which helps enable illegal activity. A further explanation of the police departments concerns and specific issues related to the area are included in the attached letter from Officer Jared Dominici.

The Police Department believes that by installing parking restrictions along East Lake Street between Bridge St and Soledad St, drug dealers will no longer be able to loiter overnight at this location. The requested parking restriction will be consistent with other areas of Chinatown where police department reports there is less criminal activity. This engineering treatment may help to hinder drug dealing and other criminal activity in this area.

### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Strategic implementation of the installation of "NO PARKING" zones supports Council goals of Quality of Life.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install “**NO PARKING**” signs on the posts along East Lake Street and Bridge Street is estimated at \$ 700.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current budget to fund said sign installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1

Google Street View

Letter from Officer Jared Dominici