



CITY OF SALINAS

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, ENGINEERING

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TITLE: “NO PARKING” RED ZONE REQUEST ON CENTRAL AVENUE
AT STONE STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution approving the establishment of red “No Parking” zone on Central Avenue at 132 Central Avenue and 137 Central Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution approving the installation of red “No Parking” zones at 132 and 137 Central Avenue to provide sufficient stopping sight distances for pedestrians with the installation of two new ADA pedestrian ramps on Central Avenue at Stone Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of the Central Avenue sidewalk repair project, the City will be installing 2 new ADA compliant pedestrian ramps at the intersection of Central Avenue and Stone Street. Staff conducted a field review and determined sightlines appropriate to provide the minimum stopping sight distance along Central Avenue. Staff is proposing the designation of approximately 60 linear feet of red zone installation along Central Avenue, equivalent to roughly 3 parking space removal in total (including pedestrian ramp), to provide sufficient departure sight triangles.

BACKGROUND:

The existing crosswalk at Central Avenue and Stone Street currently provides no pedestrian ramp on the southern sidewalk of Central Avenue. In the Job Order Contract (JOC) process, the City is removing and replacing concrete sidewalk and installing pedestrian ramps where none exist. As part of the Central Avenue sidewalk repair project, the City will be installing two new pedestrian ramps at the intersection of Stone Street and Central Avenue to provide access to the crosswalk. Staff conducted a field review and determined the appropriate sightlines to make a gap acceptance decision for pedestrians at ADA ramps, while providing the minimum stopping sight distance along Central Avenue for drivers. Staff is proposing the removal of approximately 60 linear feet

of parking on Central Avenue (20 feet fronting 132 Central Avenue and 40 feet fronting 137 Central Avenue) to provide sufficient departure sight triangles.

Pedestrians crossing the crosswalk can wait at the edge of ramp and evaluate approaching traffic. From the edge of the pedestrian ramp, vehicles will have sufficient sight lines necessary to react and stop. In this specific application, the minimum criteria for stopping-sight-distance was specified because of the significant impact to on-street parking capacity.

Notices of the proposed project were mailed to the impacted addresses. One letter of opposition was received from Dale Bartoletti (Attachment 2). The letter of opposition was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission for consideration at their February 8th meeting. However, because of the stopping sight distance criteria, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend the approval of a "No Parking" zone. If the proposed red zone is not approved, staff will recommend the removal or relocation of the existing marked crosswalk.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The Central Avenue and Stone Street “No Parking” zone supports the Council of “Well Planned City and Excellent Infrastructure.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install red curb “no parking” zones on Central Avenue is estimated at \$175.00. Sufficient funding is available in the CIP 9720 account to fund the installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Attachment 1: Sight Visibility Study
Attachment 2: Letter of Opposition

