



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

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

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

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**TITLE:** “NO PARKING” RED ZONE AT SAN VICENTE AVENUE AND TALBOT STREET

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to consider recommending the establishment of 35 feet of “No Parking” red zone marking to provide sufficient sight lines at the intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended that the Traffic and Transportation Commission recommend to City Council to approve a resolution approving approximately 35 feet of “No Parking” red zone marking to provide sufficient sight lines at the intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street for sight clearance.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street. 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 a total of 35 feet of “No Parking” red zone along San Vicente Avenue, equivalent to roughly 2 parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient sight lines.

#### BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request from Sister Barbara, a resident of Talbot Street, to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street. Staff conducted an analysis and determined additional sight lines are needed to make a gap acceptance decision for turning movements. Based on the traffic analysis and design standards recommended by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of approximately 35 feet along San Vicente Avenue. The proposed red zones would improve sight lines and provide drivers adequate sight distance to judge gaps in traffic to make turn movement judgements.

The intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street is not stop controlled and in this circumstance, minor-road approaches are presumed to operate similarly to a single side stop control condition. Minor-road vehicle operators slow and/or stop at the intersection and adequately evaluate sufficient gaps in traffic before proceeding safely without forcing a major-road vehicle to stop or unduly interfering with major-road traffic operations. In this specific application stopping sight distance was considered to be the minimum criteria because of the impact to on-street parking capacity.

#### 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 “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street supports the Council of “Well planned city and excellent infrastructure.”

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

“No Parking” red zones are maintained by Public Works staff and enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement staff (SERCO).

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Parking” red zone at the intersection of San Vicente Avenue and Talbot Street is estimated to be \$275. Sufficient funding is available in the maintenance budget to fund the installations.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Request

Attachment 2: Location Map