



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 ZONES AT THE INTERSECTION OF
GRIFFIN STREET AND NEIL STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to consider recommending the establishment of 40 feet of "No Parking" red zones at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil Street to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City Council the establishment of 40 feet of "No Parking" red zones at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil 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 40 feet of "No Parking" red zones at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil Street, equivalent to roughly two (2) parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient sight lines.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request from Coleen Pires to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil Street. Staff conducted an analysis and determined sight lines necessary to make a safe turning movement based on the gap acceptance decision for turning movements from the minor-roadway (Neil Street) while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major-roadway (Griffin Street). Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of approximately 40 feet of parking along Griffin Street (see Attachment 1).

Intersection sight distance criteria for stop-controlled intersections is typically longer than stopping sight distance to allow the intersection to operate smoothly. Minor-road vehicle operators can wait

at the approach until they can adequately evaluate sufficient gaps in traffic so that they can proceed safely without forcing a major-road vehicle to stop or unduly interfering with major-road traffic operations. For this application staff is recommending stopping sight distance as the minimum standard to apply to provide adequate sight lines and also minimize the impacts to on-street parking capacity.

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 proposed “No Parking” red zones at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil Street supports the Council of “well planned city and excellent infrastructure.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Red zones are installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement Staff (SERCO) and the Police Department. The Community Development Department is notified of the request and staff recommendation.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Parking” Red Zone at the intersection of Griffin Street and Neil Street is estimated to be \$277.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets maintenance budget to fund proposed red zone installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed Red Zones at Griffin Street and Neil Street