



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION

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TITLE: PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG BRIDGE ST AND EAST LAKE STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

There is no action requested from the Commission. This is an informational report on Council's approval of the designation and installation of red zones along Bridge Street, and the designation and installation 20-minute green zones along East Lake Street in support of the Salinas Police Department Homeless Outreach Team station in Chinatown.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Public Works received a request from the Salinas Police Department to restrict on-street parking along Bridge Street and East Lake Street to support Police Department activities in the area. The expedited request was of high importance to the PD to affect security for operations in Chinatown. There was no time to consult with the Traffic Commission and the requested parking zones were recommended to and were approved by the City Council at their February 19, 2019 meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Salinas Police Department Homeless Outreach Team began operating at 23 East Lake Street. The requested parking restrictions help discourage the ongoing illegal activities in the area. At the new Police sub-station, there is effectively no off-street parking available to accommodate the parking needs for the Salinas Police Department Homeless Outreach Team. The Police Chief requested restricting parking on Bridge Street for Police and emergency vehicles only. This will be accomplished with red curb markings and the appropriate signs from Lake Street to its northerly terminus (Attachment 2). Additionally, the Police Chief's request includes installing 20-minute Green Zones along the property's frontage of 19, 23 and 109 – 101 East Lake Street. The Green Zones will provide needed parking for customers needing access to fronting properties including 23 East Lake and the Health Services facility.

The on-street parking restriction will assist the police with their parking needs and activities in the area. Additionally, the 20-minute Green Zones requested will provide parking spaces for

customers who need access to 23 East Lake or the Health Center (115 East Lake Street). Please see Exhibit 1.

The Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team began operations at 23 East Lake Street in February. In order to support the operations, staff brought this recommendation directly to City Council and without first taking the item to the Traffic and Transportation Commission. The Police Department has met with the occupants of affected properties. Council approved the requested parking zone recommendations at its February 19, 2019 meeting (see Attachment 1). Staff is informing the Commission of the Council action approving the installation of red zones along Bridge Street, and the designation and installation 20-minute green zones along East Lake Street.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Parking restrictions on City streets are exempt under CEQA 15301, Class 1(c) since the actions consists of operation and minor alteration of parking designations.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The parking restrictions along Bridge Street and East Lake Street supports the Council's initiative for revitalizing Chinatown and supports the Council goals of Safe, Livable Community.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Traffic staff has coordinated with the Salinas Police Department, Serco (Parking Enforcement) and the City's Street Maintenance Services on this item. Staff also coordinated with the Community Development Department to ensure the designations remain consistent with Chinatown Planning and Housing development in the area.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install "Police Parking Only" signage with painted red zones on Bridge Street and green zone on E Lake Street is \$1,000. There is sufficient funding available in the Street Maintenance budget for installation of signs and for red zones/green zones. Staff finds these parking restrictions necessary to assist Salinas Police Department in their efforts to enhancing safety in the area. However, maintaining and enforcing these and other special curb markings may be a maintenance challenge for the City. Staff is beginning to track curb markings in the City GIS in order to help manage this City program

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution 21570

Attachment 2: Exhibit