



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** AUGUST 13, 2019

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** DAVID JACOBS, P.E. L.S., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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**TITLE:** EAST LAUREL DRIVE AND SAINT EDWARDS TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
INSTALLATION AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, CIP  
PROJECT NO. 9268

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a resolution that accepts the East Laurel Drive and Saint Edwards Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Improvements, CIP Project No. 9268, for maintenance and responsibility.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution accepting the East Laurel Drive and Saint Edwards Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Improvements, CIP Project No. 9268 for maintenance and responsibility.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City completed a Pedestrian Enhancement Study in December 2016, which identified the need to make improvements to the East Laurel Drive corridor to improve safety for the general public. One of the items listed as crucial was to provide a traffic signal at the intersection of East Laurel Drive and Saint Edwards Drive to allow pedestrians and vehicles to safely cross East Laurel Drive.

The East Laurel Drive and Saint Edwards Drive Traffic Signal & Intersection Improvements Project No. 9268 was designed by the Wallace Group and called for the installation of a new traffic signal, flashing beacon for advanced warning of traffic signal, new MST bus shelter, new concrete sidewalk, ADA compliant pedestrian access ramps, new pedestrian light poles as well as new traffic striping and raised pavement markers.

Three contract change orders were issued throughout the project in the amount totaling \$103,198. Contract change orders No. 1 and No. 2 in the amount of \$87,500 included installation of traffic calming devices on Curtis St. and Ambrose Dr. to enhance safety for all motorists and pedestrians as a part of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. These two contract change orders were funded through a Traffic Calming CIP No. 9163 account. Change order No.3, in the amount

of \$15,698, was a balancing change order for an increase in contract items (striping, sidewalk, curb and gutter) to tie in the project to existing conditions.

The project is now complete and meets project plans, specifications and requirements. As a result, there is now ADA accessibility, pedestrian enhancements and safer vehicle movement at the intersection.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Categorical Exemptions.** The City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 (c), and Section 15302 (c), because the project proposes a modification to an existing facility at the intersection of East Laurel Dr. and St. Edwards Dr., adjacent median island, sidewalks, and street and pedestrian lighting, of which it involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This item relates to the Council's Strategic Goal of "Excellent Infrastructure," and enhances "Quality of Life." by allowing pedestrian and vehicles to safely cross East Laurel Drive to access bus stops, local parks and medical facilities within the neighborhood.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Public Works Department coordinated with the Finance Department and the Legal Department in administering contracts and funding for the design and construction phase of this project.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Project construction was funded with \$220,000 of Measure G, \$1,050,000 from Measure X funds and \$87,500 of Measure X funds (CIP 9163), for a total project budget of \$1,357,500. To date, \$1,311,975.33 has been spent on the construction contract in the amount of \$872,029.50 and three contract change orders in the amount of \$103,198.00 and \$336,747.83 for inspection, additional design, equipment, and administration, leaving an unencumbered balance of \$45,524.67. The remaining funds will be used to close out the project with a notice of completion, filing and release of retention.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Site Map  
Resolution