



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

# **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 13, 2020

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

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**TITLE:** REMOVAL OF UNCONTROLLED MARKED CROSSWALKS AT  
NORTH DAVIS ROAD AND WESTRIDGE DRIVEWAYS

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion recommending to the City Council the removal of the uncontrolled marked crosswalks at the North Davis Road and the Westridge Driveways.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the removal of the uncontrolled marked crosswalks at the North Davis Road and the Westridge Driveways.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Salinas adopted Crosswalk Policy Guidelines (Attachment 1) to prescribe a formal and transparent process for consideration of marked crosswalks. It provides information to be used when making decisions about where standard crosswalk should be marked; where crosswalks with special treatments, such as high-visibility crosswalks, flashing beacons and other special features, should be employed; and where crosswalks will not be marked due to safety concerns resulting from volume, speed, or sight distance issues.

The City removed these crosswalks in 2017 as these were found inconsistent with the crosswalk policy. At the time however, staff did not bring the item to Traffic and Transportation Commission and City Council for approval. City maintenance crews painted over the existing markings as a method of removing the crosswalks. Recently, the black paint has begun to fade and the remnants of the previously removed crosswalks are beginning to surface. City staff has re-evaluated the crosswalks and find them to be inconsistent with the City's crosswalk policy. Staff is therefore formally recommending their removal in accordance with the City Crosswalk policy.

Consistent with California Vehicle Code Policy, a 30-day notice has been posted at the crosswalks indicating the consideration for removal. No written public comments have been received by City staff at the time of this report.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Removal of an uncontrolled marked crosswalk on City street is exempt under CEQA 15301, Class 1(c) since the actions consists of operation and minor alteration of an existing City street.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This action supports the Council's initiative of Safe, Livable Community by removing the uncontrolled marked crosswalks at said locations.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There will be no impact to the City's general fund. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets maintenance budget to fund proposed removals.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: City of Salinas Crosswalk Policy Guidelines

Attachment 2: Crossing Study at North Davis Road and the Westridge Driveways