



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

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

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

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**TITLE:** “NO STOPPING” RED ZONES AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SAINT EDWARDS AVENUE AT CIRCLE DRIVE AND SAINT EDWARDS AVENUE AT SAINT REGIS WAY

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to recommend to City Council the establishment of total of 50 feet and 90 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersections of Saint Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive and Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City Council the establishment of a total of 50 feet and 90 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersections of Saint Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive and Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersections of Saint Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive and Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way. 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 50 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Saint Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive and 90 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way; equivalent to roughly seven parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient sight lines.

#### BACKGROUND:

Staff has received requests from residents during the Laurel Heights traffic calming community meetings to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of the intersections of St Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive and Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way. Staff conducted an analysis and determined sight lines necessary to provide the minimum stopping sight distance for traffic. Installation of the recommended red zones will improve the safety of traffic turning from the side streets of St Edwards Ave onto Circle Drive and Saint Regis Street onto Saint Edwards Ave.

Traffic turning from these side streets will be more visible to the traffic on the major road with sufficient distance for drivers to react and stop in time to avoid a collision. Based on the analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of a total of 50 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Saint Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive (see Attachment 1) and 90 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way (see Attachment 2).

Intersection sight distance for stop-controlled intersections is typically longer than stopping sight distance for an intersection to operate smoothly. Minor-road vehicle operators can wait at the intersection and adequately evaluate sufficient gaps in traffic before proceeding into the major roadway without forcing traffic in the major-road to excessively slow down or stop. Staff is recommending stopping sight distance as the minimum standard to apply in this case, 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 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 Stopping” red zones proposed for at the intersections of Saint Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive and Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way supports Council goals of Public Safety.

#### 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.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Stopping” red zones at the intersections of Saint Edwards Avenue at Circle Drive and Saint Edwards Avenue at Saint Regis Way is estimated to be \$300. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installations.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed No Stopping Exhibit St Edwards Ave at Circle Dr

Attachment 2: Proposed No Stopping Exhibit St Edwards Ave at St Regis Way