



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

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

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

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**TITLE:** MOHAWK AVENUE AND NAVAJO DRIVE “NO PARKING” RED ZONE

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion recommending the establishment of a “No Parking” red zone at Mohawk Avenue and Navajo Drive.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission is requested to recommend to the City Council the approval of the designation of “No Parking” red zone at intersection of Mohawk Avenue and Navajo Drive.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Staff received a request to evaluate the potential of establishing stop signs at the intersection of Mohawk Avenue and Navajo Drive. An evaluation of an All-way stop and two way stop based on the State Standards indicate that warrants to recommend these traffic controls are not met. Therefore, staff is recommending sightline clearances along Navajo Drive to address the safety concern.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff has received a request from a resident to evaluate the potential of establishing stop signs at the intersection of Mohawk Avenue and Navajo Drive. According to requestor, cars parked along the intersection of Mohawk Avenue and Navajo Drive make it difficult to see oncoming vehicles. Staff performed a traffic analysis and determined the intersections does not warrant stop signs (Attachment 1). Stop signs are only warranted under specific roadway volumes or collision history. Installing a stop sign where it is not warranted can do more harm than good, and often increases the potential for collisions. It is therefore critical the City take careful consideration when evaluating a stop sign and comply with state and federal guidelines and the City’s traffic control device policy outlined in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic control Devices (CA-MUTCD).

Staff also conducted a field review, based on the requestors description of the problem and evaluated sight lines at the intersection. Staff determined sightlines appropriate to make a gap acceptance decision for turning movements from Mohawk Drive while providing necessary stopping sight distance for approaching vehicles along Navajo Drive. Staff is proposing the removal of approximately a total of 15 feet of parking (Attachment 2), approximately one parking spaces in total, on Navajo Drive to provide sufficient intersection sight lines.

Minor road vehicle operators can wait at the edge of the intersection and adequately evaluate sufficient gaps in traffic before proceeding safely without forcing a major-road vehicle to stop or unduly interfering with major-road traffic operations.

Therefore, staff is recommending the restriction of parking along a 15 feet segment at the northeast corner of the intersection of Mohawk Avenue and Navajo Drive, equivalent to roughly 1 parking space in total, to provide sufficient intersection sight triangles.

#### 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 Navajo Drive “No Parking” red zones support the Council goal 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 City Police Department.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to paint red curb markings for the “No Parking” red zone on Navajo Drive is estimated to be \$300. Sufficient funding is available in the streets budget to fund the installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Mohawk Avenue and Navajo Drive Stop Warrant Analysis

Attachment 2: Sight Visibility Analysis