



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

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

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**DATE:** JUNE 10, 2021

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

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**TITLE:** 20-MINUTE GREEN ZONE DESIGNATIONS AT 348 ABBOTT STREET

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to recommend to City Council the approval of 150 feet of 20-minute green zones along the curb front the business at 348 Abbott Street.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of 150 feet of 20-minute green zone designations along the curb fronting the business at 348 Abbott Street. Green zones allow for a quick turnaround of on-street parking space for customers to access to businesses.

**BACKGROUND:**

John Bailey, legal representative of Mike's Auto Sales, is requesting a 20-minute green zones along the business property located at 348 Abbott Street. According to John Bailey, vehicles parked for extended periods along the business' frontage limit access for customers. The requestor is aware that the proposed green zones, if approved, are not for the exclusive use of the requestor. The 20-minute parking restricted spaces are for the public's use. Enforcement is generally done on a call basis.

The proposed 20-minute parking zone is effective only from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm of any day except Sundays and holidays (Section 20-74 (4) of the Salinas Municipal Code). After 6:00 pm the green zone is available for general public parking.

Abbott Street, between Spicer Street and Alameda Avenue, is a four-lane arterial street with bike lanes and on-street parking. The street is approximately 65 feet wide, from curb face to curb face. Parking is generally permitted on along the westerly curb of Abbott Street. Alameda Avenue, between Abbott Street and Grove Street is a local street, approximately 34 feet wide from curb face to curb face. On-street parking is generally permitted on both sides of the street. Currently there are no other special curb marking designations located near or around 348 Abbott Street (Attachment 2).

The City's General Plan Circulation Element calls out for improvements to Abbott Street. The ultimate condition of Abbott Street is planned to have a raised median and the removal of on-street parking. The proposed green zones on Abbott Street may need to be removed in the future to be consistent with the City General Plan. The applicant has been made aware that the green zones on Abbott Street cannot be guaranteed in the future if the Abbott Street project is deemed necessary.

Additionally, at the January 14, 2021 Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting, the Commission recommended to City Council proposed striping improvements with the 2021 Chip Seal Project. The striping improvements included the installation of a painted median, the removal of on-street parking, and buffered bike lanes on Abbott Street. The green zones on Abbott Street would not be feasible with the recommended configuration. City staff received public feedback from stakeholders and has been advised to reinstall the existing striping without changes. The proposed green zones will not conflict with the Chip Seal Project.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Designation of parking restrictions 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 does not support a specific Council goal.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. John Bailey, authorized representative of 348 Abbott Street, has submitted payment to fund the costs and the installation of the 20-minute green zone designations.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Application

Attachment 2: Location Map