

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: South River Road Turning Lane
DATE: August 19, 2003

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider installation of a turning lane on South River Road, from Serenade Drive to Charolais Road.

FACTS:

1. At their meeting on June 27, 2003, the Streets & Utilities Committee considered a request from residents of the Riverbank Tract to install stop signs on South River Road at either Riverbank Lane or Bridgegate Lane.
2. The Committee directed staff to evaluate the possibility of providing a turning lane to improve ingress and egress opportunities to and from the Riverbank neighborhood.
3. The re-striping plan was discussed at the July 25, 2003 meeting of the Streets and Utilities Committee. The Committee voted 2-0 to deny stop signs on South River Road at Bridgegate Lane and Riverbank Lane, and opted instead to endorse the design and installation of a new two-way turn lane striping on South River Road from Serenade Drive to Charolais Road.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: Re-striping South River Road from Serenade Drive to Charolais Road to provide for turning lanes at Riverbank Lane and Bridgegate Lane is feasible within the existing paved width of South River Road. The existing oak trees on the east side of South River Road could remain until the full arterial width of the road is ultimately developed.

The site has been studied and a schematic South River Road re-striping plan has been prepared. The plan provides a two-way turn lane from Riverbank Lane to Bridgegate Lane. A continuous turning lane would:

1. Provide a designated lane for residents of the Riverbank Tract turning left into the neighborhood while they wait for breaks in southbound traffic.
2. Allow more space for acceleration for cars turning from Riverbank and Bridgegate Lanes to go north on River Road.
3. Provide considerably more traffic capacity for this portion of South River Road while maintaining a comfortable level of service.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Caltrans Traffic Manual

FISCAL

IMPACT: The design of striping should be provided by a Traffic Engineer. The total cost of design and installation is estimated to be \$5,000 and would be funded from the City's Gas Tax Fund.

OPTIONS:

- a.** Adopt Resolution No. 03-xx
 - (1)** Approving the design and installation of new two-way turn lane striping on South River Road from Serenade Drive to Charolais Road; and
 - (2)** Approving a one-time budget appropriation of \$5,000 from Gas Tax Fund to budget account no. 200-310-5224-162 for design and installation of the turning lane.
- b.** Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachment (1)

1) Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A CONTINUOUS TURNING LANE
ON SOUTH RIVER ROAD FROM SERENADE DRIVE TO CHAROLAIS ROAD
AND APPROVING A ONE TIME BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR
DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, the Streets and Utilities Committee directed staff to evaluate the possibility of providing a turning lane on South River Road to improve ingress and egress from the Riverbank Tract; and

WHEREAS, a continuous turning lane will provide the following:

- a designated lane for residents of the Riverbank Tract turning left into the neighborhood while they wait for breaks in the southbound traffic
- more space for acceleration for vehicles turning from Riverbank and Bridgegate Lanes to go north on River Road
- Considerably more traffic capacity for this portion of South River Road while maintaining a comfortable level of service.

WHEREAS, the Streets and Utilities Committee recommended approval of design and installation of a continuous turning lane.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve the installation of a continuous turning lane on South River Road from Serenade Drive to Charolais Road.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve a one-time budget appropriation of \$5,000 from the Gas Tax Fund to budge Account No. 200-310-5224-162 for design and installation of the turning lane.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 19th day of August 2003 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk