

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: All-Way Stop at the Intersection of 8th Street & Oak Street
DATE: August 19, 2003

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider installation of traffic controls (stop signs) at the intersection of 8th and Oak Streets.

FACTS:

1. At a Planning Commission public hearing regarding the office professional FPA and Zoning overlay for Oak Street between 8th and 9th Streets, a citizen testified, promoting the need for an all-way stop at the intersection of 8th and Oak Streets.
2. At the May 23, 2003 meeting of the Streets and Utilities Committee, the issue was discussed briefly then continued to the June meeting to allow research regarding the issues.
3. At the July 27, 2003 meeting of the Street and Utilities Committee, the issue was discussed a second time. After discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the installation of traffic controls (all-way stop) at the intersection of 8th Street and Oak Street.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: The 8th and Oak Street intersection is currently controlled by stop signs at 8th Street on the east and west sides of Oak Street. Two sightline obstructions (a hedge and large oak tree) are located at the southeast corner of the intersection.

Two possible safety enhancements were discussed at the July 27th meeting of the Streets and Utilities Committee: 1) removal of the hedge and installation 90 feet of red curb south of the large oak tree and/or, 2) the addition of stop signs on Oak Street at the north and south sides of the 8th and Oak Street intersection (results in an all way stop intersection).

Red Curb

The hedge and the large oak tree on the southeast corner of 8th and Oak Streets present a sightline challenge. Westbound traffic appropriately stopped on 8th Street must look south between the hedge and the oak tree to see northbound traffic on Oak Street, or inch their way out into the intersection to look to the south and west of the large oak to attempt to see northbound traffic. If a vehicle is parked on the curb north of the oak tree on Oak Street the westbound motorist on 8th Street has no choice but to inch their way out into the intersection to view northbound traffic on Oak Street. Removing the hedge and installing 90 feet of red curb on the north side of the large oak tree would enhance sightline.

All-way Stop

Stop signs could be installed, which would mitigate the sightline issue. Traffic from all directions would be required to stop, giving the westbound traffic on 8th street a better opportunity to see the northbound traffic on Oak Street.

Conclusion

The Committee opted to recommend installation of an all-way stop as the best option. It meets both the need for safety enhancement (all cars must stop mitigating the site line issues) and the need to retain the hedge (beautification consideration) while retaining the on street parking for area businesses.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Caltrans Traffic Manual

FISCAL

IMPACT: Minimal \$250 for two stop signs installed.

- OPTIONS:**
- a.** Adopt Resolution No. 03-xx approving the installation of an all-way stop intersection at 8th and Oak Streets.
 - b.** Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments (1):

- 1) Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING AN ALL WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 8TH AND OAK STREETS

WHEREAS, a request for an all-way stop was made at a May Planning Commission Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the request was considered at the May 23, 2003 meeting of the Streets and Utilities Committee but continued to June 27 then again to July 27 to allow for more research and a request to continue, respectively; and

WHEREAS, at the July 27, 2003 meeting, the Committee voted 2-0 to recommend the installation of traffic controls (all-way stop) at the intersection of 8th and Oak Streets.; and

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 an all-way stop at the intersection of 8th and Oak Streets.

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