

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: 13th Street/Creston Road/River Road Intersection
DATE: November 18, 2003

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider traffic warning signage and road marking ("Do Not Block Intersection") at the intersection of Creston Road and North River Road.

FACTS:

1. The City received a request from a resident requesting signs at the east end of the 13th Street Bridge. The signs would urge motorists eastbound on Creston to not block the intersection when attempting a left turn on to North River Road.
2. On October 24, 2003, the Streets and Utilities Committee considered the request and voted 2-0 to recommend to the City Council approval of "Do Not Block Intersection" signage and road markings at the intersection.

ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION: Traffic at both ends of the 13th Street Bridge is heavy and during peak hours it is difficult for motorist to make left turn. The heavy traffic is in large part the reason the bridge is being widened and the east end intersection redesigned for better traffic flow.

The Police Chief and Traffic Officer Mattke are both aware of problems at the intersection in question. However, Officer Mattke states that right-of-way violations (cars turning left in front of oncoming traffic) and running the red light are the most frequent violations, with intersection blocking happening less frequently. Grid locked traffic seems to be the primary issue, versus intentionally violating the law.

The 13th Street Bridge widening project will alleviate many of the traffic concerns at this intersection. As an interim measure, signage and road markings may help alert drivers to pay more attention to the potential for gridlock and being stranded in the intersection.

POLICY REFERENCE: None

FISCAL IMPACT: Minimal

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 03-xx approving "Do Not Block Intersection" signage and road marking at the 13th Street intersection with Creston Road and North River Road.
- 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 THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE AND ROAD MARKING TO NOT BLOCK
THE INTERSECTION AT EASTBOUND 13TH STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF RIVER
ROAD AND CRESTON ROAD

WHEREAS, the City received a request from a resident requesting signs at the east end of the 13th Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2003, the Streets and Utilities Committee considered the request and voted 2-0 to recommend to the City Council approval of "Do Not Block Intersection" signage and road markings at the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the signs would urge motorists eastbound on Creston Road to not block the intersection when attempting a left turn onto North River Road.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby approve the installation of "Do Not Block Intersection" signage and road markings at the 13th Street/Creston Road/River Road Intersection.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 18th day of November 2003 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk