

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: 21st Street and Olive Street
DATE: January 6, 2004

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider traffic controls ("Intersection Ahead" sign and "Slow" sign) and parking restrictions (two "No Parking" signs) in the vicinity of the 21st Street and Olive Street intersection (south side).

FACTS:

1. The City received a letter from a concerned citizen requesting stop controls and no parking restrictions at 21st Street and Olive Streets intersection.
2. This item was continued from the October 24, 2003 Streets and Utilities Committee meeting to allow for notification of a wider area of residents (from Villa Lane to City limits) as well as research into the possibility of lowering the speed limit to 15 M.P.H.
3. At their meeting of November 21, 2003, the Streets and Utilities Committee denied the installation of stop signs at 21st & Olive Streets and recommends the approval of parking restrictions ("No Parking" signs) on the south side of 21st Street, just west of Olive Street, and "Slow" and "Intersection Ahead" signs on 21st Street in locations to be determined by staff.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:** Analysis

The intersection of Olive Street and 21st Street is a Tee intersection with Olive Street abutting the intersection and 21st Street a throughway at the intersection. Due to a large rise/hill in the roadway, eastbound traffic on Olive Street cannot be seen by motorists stopped at the intersection until the approaching vehicles are approximately 100 feet from the intersection. In addition, if vehicles are parked on the south side of 21st Street (east of the intersection) site line visibility is further compromised.

Accident history

The letter to the City indicates that several accidents have occurred at this site, however, police records indicate no reported accidents have occurred over the past three years.

Conclusion

The intersection of Olive Street and 21st Street is sight line restricted. An all-way stop may not be the most prudent approach to solving the problem, since Olive Street traffic is stopped approximately 200 feet further down the street at the Olive and Vine Streets intersection.

Research indicates that posting suggested safe speed signs (e.g. 15 mph) is an effective (and enforceable) way to slow traffic without changing the legal speed limit.

Installing additional "15 mph", "Slow", and "Intersection Ahead" signs on eastbound 21st Street may be a better solution than a "Stop" sign, as requested. Parking restrictions ("No Parking" signs) could also be added on the south side of 21st Street from the Olive Street intersection west to the crest of the hill on Olive Street (approximately 100 feet).

**POLICY
REFERENCE:** CalTrans Traffic Manual

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IMPACT: \$500 for 5 signs and labor to install.

- OPTIONS:**
- a.** Adopt Resolution No. 04-xx approving traffic controls (“Intersection Ahead” sign and “Slow” sign) and parking restrictions (two “No Parking” signs) in the vicinity of the Olive Street and 21st Street intersection (south side).
 - b.** Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments (3)

- 1) Letter
- 2) Vicinity Map
- 3) Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 04-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING SIGNAGE AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON 21ST STREET

WHEREAS, The City received a letter from a concerned citizen requesting stop controls and no parking restrictions at 21st Street and Olive Streets intersection; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2003, the Streets and Utilities Committee denied the installation of stop signs at 21st & Olive Streets and recommended the approval of parking restrictions ("No Parking" signs) on the south side of 21st Street just west of Olive Street, and "Slow" and "Intersection Ahead" signs on 21st Street in locations to be determined by staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve parking restrictions ("No Parking" signs) on the south side of 21st Street just west of Olive Street, and "Slow" and "Intersection Ahead" signs on 21st Street in locations to be determined by staff.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 6th day of January 2004 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

Matthew Kenney

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September 11, 2003

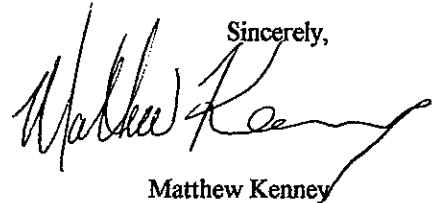
Street and Utilities Department
1000 Spring st
Paso Robles, Ca 93446

Dear Sir (s),

I live on the corner of Olive and 21st street in Paso Robles, and recently 21st street was ground and resurfaced. I have lived in this location for 22 years and have witnessed five separate accidents (and many near misses) on mine and neighbors property due to the excessive rate of speed of careless drivers traveling up and down the hill. When the Almond Spring estates were done in the 80s, this increased traffic ten fold due to the opening of the street to Mountain Spring Rd. Many people use 21st as a short cut over to Vine st. With the nice, fresh new smooth surface this problem is due to get worse and perhaps cause a serious accident due in part to the fact that not only is this a blind hill going up or down, but it is a narrow track due to the lay of the street. I've also noticed the neighborhood kids have found it a great place to ride their scooters and skateboards. A remedy to this problem would be stop signs going up and down at the intersection of 21st and Olive st, with perhaps some "no parking" signs on the north side going up.

I'm not complaining or making demands, but thought your department should know of this problem, and who better to know than someone that lives right on top of it. By the way, it sure is nice to have a smooth street (finally!!).

Sincerely,



Matthew Kenney

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Public Works Dept

