

TO: James L. App, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Modification of Standard Street Improvements – Spring Street, Flamson Middle School

DATE: October 7, 2008

Needs: That the City Council authorize the approval of the design for the reconstruction of Spring Street improvements adjacent to Flamson Middle School.

- Facts:**
1. In December, 2003, the earthquake damaged Flamson Middle School to the extent that it could no longer be occupied. This last summer, the Paso Robles School District broke ground on the reconstruction of Flamson Middle School. In conjunction with the new school building, the City desires to reconstruct deteriorated street improvements adjacent to the site.
 2. City staff recently met with representatives of the School District to gather their input on improvements to Spring Street. Considerations were made for bus traffic, drop-off zones, pedestrian safety, bikes, parking for staff and all activities associated with the operation of Flamson Middle School.
 3. Representatives of the School District advise against parking along Spring Street due to uncontrolled drop-off and school access issues. The District, however, recognizes the need to separate pedestrians from thru traffic and therefore supports the elimination of a second lane on Spring Street and the placement of a landscape parkway between the sidewalk and curb.

**Analysis
and**

Conclusion: The School District specifically requests that parking not be allowed along their frontage. The District desires to control access to the School for security and safety purposes. Parking can be restricted by signs and/or red paint. It would therefore seem prudent to maintain the existing curb width, preclude parking by signs and still allow for bicycles and disabled vehicles. This also provides additional spacing between pedestrians and Spring Street traffic.

The historical curb line matches the District's needs and recommendations. The School District has stated their support for this design.

**Policy
Reference:** Municipal Code Section 11.40.010

**Fiscal
Impact:** None

- Options:**
- a.** Direct staff to design new curbs on Spring Street adjacent to Flamson Middle School to match the existing alignment.
 - b.** Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

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Attachments: (1)

1. Spring Street Curb Line

