

RESOLUTION NO. 1453

RESOLUTION REGARDING FREEWAY LANDSCAPING

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1959, the City of El Paso de Robles entered into a Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the Division of Highways, District V, of the State of California, concerning the obligations regarding the landscaping and maintenance thereof and the conditions to such Landscaping Agreement as agreed to by each party; and

Pursuant to the request of the Division of Highways to this City, on the 6th day of June, 1959 the City of El Paso de Robles passed and adopted its Ordinance Number 227 N.S. prohibiting advertising structures from being installed or maintained in any case where such advertising is designed to be viewed primarily by travelers upon a landscaped freeway. Said Ordinance is in effect and has been vigilantly enforced by this City, and

Recent inspection of the landscaping of U.S. Highway 101 in this City has been made by the Planning Commission and the Chamber of Commerce, which inspection discloses the following shortcomings:

1) In large areas and especially along the median strip dividing both lanes of freeway travel in this City there is no landscaping of any nature whatsoever.

2) Areas near traffic interchanges and on and off ramps have little if any landscaping; and

3) That the few plants which have survived since the original landscaping of 1960 are in many cases not suitable for the weather and terrain in the Paso Robles area, which conditions are most notable when contrasted with the splendid landscaping and selection of planting and the maintenance thereof in the nearby community of Atascadero, California.

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, Vine Street has been extended Southerly from the South City Limits of El Paso de Robles as a frontage road to connect with West Bound

Highway 46, and said two lane frontage road is in large measure separated only by a chain link fence from the South Bound traffic of U.S. Highway 101 thus causing an extremely dangerous and confusing condition at night time, and

WHEREAS, at a joint meeting of the City Council, the Planning Commission and the Chamber of Commerce, at which meeting representatives of the State Division of Highways were in attendance, photographic presentations were prepared showing all of the foregoing conditions;

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AS FOLLOWS:

1) That the shortcomings of the landscaping installation and maintenance along U. S. Highway 101 in the vicinity of Paso Robles, as outlined above, are hereby officially brought to the attention of District V of the Division of Highways of the State of California with the request that remedial action be taken immediately to correct all of such shortcomings and that the funds be budgeted for the fiscal year 1968-69.

2) This City requests that this matter be given priority by the Division of Highways in order to promote the safety of the travelling public, as well as to comply with the terms of the outstanding agreement and understanding between the Division of Highways and this City.

3) That either adequate landscaping or plastic light barriers be installed by the Division of Highways along the fence line dividing the South Bound traffic lane of U. S. Highway 101 and Vine Street extension, from the South City Limits of this City to California State Sign Route 46 in all areas where Vine Street parallels and lies adjacent to said Freeway.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 1968.

ATTEST:

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK