

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brett Fulgoni, Director of Public Works

DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Proposed Establishment of No Stopping Zones on Bethel Lane

Description:

The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution establishing no stopping zones on Bethel Lane near the intersection of Stowell Road and South Blosser Road to protect newly improved approach striping and improve traffic flow.

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to establishing no stopping zones on Bethel Lane at the intersection of Stowell Road and South Blosser Road.

BACKGROUND:

A request was received from the City of Santa Maria Public Works Department to evaluate the installation of no stopping zones near the intersection of Stowell Road and South Blosser Road following recent approach striping improvements. Vehicles have been observed parking within the newly striped areas, reducing available space for vehicle maneuvering and creating potential operational concerns at the intersection. The Traffic Committee reviewed the request and approved establishing the no stopping zones through signage rather than red curb painting.

DISCUSSION:

Per City Council Resolution No. 2061 and CAM 63-15, a Traffic Committee was formed to "be responsible for the review, approval or denial, and recommendations to City Council on all matters and requests relating to traffic circulation and safety within the public right-of-way." The Traffic Committee has reviewed the request for no stopping zones and recommends its establishment via signage. The City Council has the authority to locate, establish, or eliminate no stopping zones within the City.

The no stopping zones recommended to be established are described as follows:

- **Bethel Lane**, along the northerly curb face, beginning at the curb return of the northwest curb ramp of the intersection of Bethel Lane and South Blosser Road and continuing 145 linear feet west.
- **Bethel Lane**, along the southerly curb face, beginning at the curb return of the southwest curb ramp of the intersection of Bethel Lane and South Blosser Road and continuing 145 linear feet west.

Alternative(s)

The alternative to the recommended action would be to not approve the establishment of the no stopping zones.

Fiscal Considerations

The Public Works Department will be responsible for installing the no stopping signage. Staff has estimated the cost of sign installation to be approximately \$800 in staff time and materials. No red curb painting is required.

Impact on the Community

The no stopping zones will maintain clear roadway space within the newly striped approach areas, improving traffic flow and vehicle maneuvering at the intersection. The use of signage rather than red curb minimizes visual impact

ATTACHMENT(S)

- A. Resolution
- B. Location Map