

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager

**FROM:** Doug Monn, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** All-Way Stop 10<sup>th</sup> Street & Pine Street

**DATE:** March 21, 2006

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**Needs:** For the City Council to consider additional traffic controls (all-way stop) at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Street.

- Facts:**
1. The intersection currently is a two-way stop regulating northbound and southbound traffic on Pine Street.
  2. Traffic on Pine Street has restricted views of cross traffic due to parked vehicles.
  3. There is a large volume of pedestrian traffic crossing 10<sup>th</sup> Street going to and from the movie theatre.
  4. Eight traffic collisions have been documented in/or near the intersection since 2001; near collisions occur on a daily basis.
  5. This issue was brought before the Committee November 21, 2003 was denied. That report was presented by the Police Department.
  6. The Streets and Utilities Committee considered this request again at their February 24, 2006 meeting. The committee voted 1-1 with Councilman Nemeth voting for approval and Councilman Picanco voting against.

**Analysis & Conclusions:**

10<sup>th</sup> Street is a moderately traveled roadway. Pine Street has a moderate traffic level as well. This intersection has existing stop signs for north-south traffic on Pine Street. Motorists on Pine Street trying to cross 10<sup>th</sup> Street have a restricted view due to vehicles parked on the curb line. A large volume of pedestrian traffic is present due to the local movie theatre. Installation of an all-way stop would increase the safety for motorists and pedestrians on both streets.

The all-way stop issue was discussed at length at the February 24, 2006 meeting of the Streets and Utilities Committee. Concerns over safety were expressed by the public and by Councilman Nemeth. While Councilman Picanco also expressed an understanding of possible safety concerns he expressed the concern that installation of this all-way stop may further impede the flow of traffic in the downtown area.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$450 per sign include sign pole & hardware, stop stencil & stop bar.

- Options:**
- a. Approve traffic controls (all-way stop) for the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Street.
  - b. Amend, modify, or reject the above.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS (ALL-WAY STOP)  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND PINE STREET

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WHEREAS, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Street are roadways which are moderately traveled and have a large volume of pedestrian traffic due to the local movie theatre; and

WHEREAS, the intersection is currently a two-way stop regulating northbound and southbound traffic on Pine Street; and

WHEREAS, motorists on Pine Street trying to cross 10<sup>th</sup> Street have a restricted view do to vehicles parked on the curb line causing near collisions on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, eight traffic collisions have been documented in/or near the intersection since 2001;

WHEREAS, the installation of a four-way stop would increase the safety of motorists and pedestrians on both streets; and

WHEREAS, the Streets and Utilities Committee discussed the issue at length at their February 24, 2006 meeting and voted 1-1 with one approving and the other against the installation; and

WHEREAS, cost is \$450 per sign which includes sign pole & hardware, stop stencil & stop bar. Funds are available from the existing maintenance funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve additional traffic controls (all-way stop) at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Street.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 21st day of March 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk