



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Remove Left-Turn Restriction on Lilac Street at Eilers Lane

MEETING DATE: October 15, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council review the attached petition (Exhibit A) and remove the left-turn restriction on Lilac Street at Eilers Lane.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Public Works Department received a petition, with thirty-four signatures, requesting removal of the left-turn restriction on Lilac Street at Eilers Lane. The people signing the petition feel the removal of the left-turn restriction will improve the traffic circulation for Woodbridge Middle School parents while dropping off and picking up their children. The petition was prompted by several parents getting citations for turning left at this intersection after dropping their children off at the Woodbridge Middle School.

Since the time the restriction was installed, the Public Works Department staff has received a number of requests to remove the turn restriction. The following describes the turn restriction history and staff's recommendation.

Turn Restriction History

The left-turn restriction was installed by City Council in September 1987 as an alternative to Eilers Lane residents' requests for a street closure. The residents requested the street closure in order to reduce traffic volumes, accidents and speeds on Eilers Lane. After a lengthy study by staff, it was determined that due to lack of a significant volume, accident, or speeding problem, there was no justification for a street closure. San Joaquin County also concurred that a street closure would affect traffic circulation and should not be implemented. City Council approved the left-turn restriction as an alternative to the street closure and requested staff review this intersection once the Chestnut Street bridge crossing at the Woodbridge Irrigation District Canal is constructed.

In spring 1989, the Chestnut Street bridge crossing at Woodbridge Irrigation Canal was opened which impacted the Eilers Lane and Lilac Street intersection. As expected, the traffic volumes on Woodhaven Lane increased, and decreased on Lower Sacramento Road and Lilac Street. In August 1990, staff restudied the Eilers Lane and Lilac Street intersection at the request of City Council. Staff recommended removal of the turn restriction. However, Eilers Lane residents addressed the City Council telling them that the traffic volume appeared high for a local street and the speeds excessive. City Council took no action to remove the left-turn restriction.

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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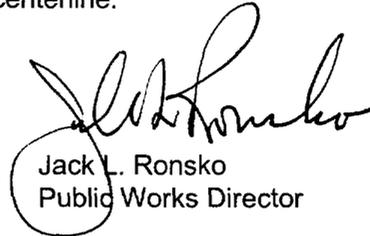
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Recommendation

Since the installation of the left-turn restriction, staff has received eight requests to remove the turn restriction. Many of those requesting the removal have received citations for turning left. Many motorists driving through the intersection do not notice the signs and markings because they are watching for pedestrians and feel it is an unnecessary restriction. Staff has also received a call from an Eilers Lane resident stating many Eilers Lane residents disobey the turn restriction. This indicates this restriction is unnecessary and creates an obstruction to the traffic circulation for this area. There have been no reported accidents at this intersection since 1994.

Since this restriction was not installed as a safety feature, and removal will improve circulation in the area, staff recommends removal of the turn restriction.

FUNDING: Street Maintenance Account - \$50 to remove the signs. This street was recently overlaid and the right-turn markings and bumpers were not reinstated pending Council's action on this item. Temporary tape was installed around the median on Lilac Street and can be replaced with a double-yellow centerline.



Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

Prepared by Paula J. Fernandez, Associate Traffic Engineer

JLR/PJF/lm

Attachment

cc: Petition Captain
Eilers Lane Spokesperson, Tom Gau
Concerned Citizens
Street Superintendent
Associate Traffic Engineer

EXHIBIT A

Petition

Attn: City Council Members and Public Works Department

We, the undersigned, request the removal of the left-turn restriction (signs and markings) on Lilac Street at Eilers Lane. We feel this will improve the traffic circulation for Woodbridge Middle School parents dropping off and picking up our children. It appears there is no reason to prohibit left turns at this intersection and this restriction is unnecessary.

	Name	Address	Signature
1.	Jennifer Wise	20 N. Wellington Way	Jennifer Wise
2.	Tom Drew	20 N. Wellington Way	Tom Drew
3.	Tom Drew	1434 Arundel Ct	Tom Drew
4.	Pete Smith	337 E. Walnut	Pete Smith
5.	Robert Rivas	2440 W Turner	Robert Rivas
6.	Robert Rivas	11 N. Avena Ave	Robert Rivas
7.	James Marcus	9001 Bluegrass Drive	James Marcus
8.	Jana Shaw	1802 E. Mirade	Jana Shaw
9.	Linda Carpenter	705 El Dorado	Linda Carpenter
10.	Barry Clark	623 Palm Ave	Barry Clark
11.	Sheryl White	2351 Hype Park Ct	Sheryl White
12.	Robert Maggiori	P.O. Box	Robert Maggiori
13.	Shirley Marlowe	1825 N Woodbridge	Shirley Marlowe
14.	Betty Wise	—	Betty Wise
15.	John Wise	—	John Wise
16.	Phillip Marlowe	—	Phillip Marlowe
17.	Peggy Marlowe	—	Peggy Marlowe

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	Name	Address	Signature
1.	Palma Zwingelberg	12920 E. Atkinson Rd.	Palma Zwingelberg
2.	Gene Zwingelberg	12920 E. Atkinson Rd.	Gene Zwingelberg
3.	Angela Zwingelberg	12920 E. Atkinson Rd.	Angela Zwingelberg
4.	Philip Huestis	12920 E. Atkinson Rd.	Phil Huestis
5.	Robert Wolfgang	25 N. Wellington Way	Wolfgang Robert
6.	LeRoy Hoffman	19 W. Wellington	LeRoy Hoffman
7.	Sue Youdall	326 Bella Vista Dr.	Susan M. Youdall
8.			
9.	Nancy Massie	816 S. Pleasant St	Nancy Massie
10.	Skull & Lee	509 Yellowstone St	Skull & Lee
11.	Mike Podesto	Apartment	Mike Podesto
12.	Lydia Keenan	1105 Holly Dr. Sidi	Lydia Keenan
13.	Virginia Snyder	303 Louie Ave	Virginia Snyder
14.	SAL VITALE JR.	1924 ROBERT ST.	Sal Vitale Jr.
15.	Ron Kilbu	541 Sonora Ave	Ron Kilbu
16.	Kendal Jackson	515 River Ave	Kendal Jackson
17.	Bob Katz	805 Pioneer	Bob Katz

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MAILING LIST ATTACHED

SUBJECT: Remove Left-Turn Restriction on Lilac Street at Eilers Lane

Enclosed is a copy of background information (excluding the petition) on an item that has been rescheduled to the City Council agenda of Wednesday, October 15, 1997. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street. If you wish to see the petition, a copy is available in the Public Works Department.

This item is on the regular calendar for Council discussion. You are welcome to attend.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

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If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Paula Fernandez, Associate Traffic Engineer, at 333-6800, ext. 667.


for Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

JLR/lm

Enclosure

cc: City Clerk

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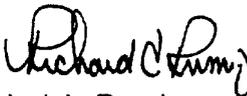
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September 17, 1997

Phillip A. Pennino, Mayor
City of Lodi
City Hall
Post Office Box 3006
Lodi, California 95241-1910

Dear Mayor Pennino:

Several neighbors and I received a letter from the City's Department of Public Works advising us that an item had been placed on the agenda for September 17th, with a recommendation to remove the "no left turn" sign on Lilac Street at Eilers Lane. In the past, I've been asked to be a spokes person for the neighborhood. I already have a commitment to be in Sacramento this evening. Additionally, with only four (4) days notice before the hearing, it doesn't give us much time to prepare a presentation and solicit input from the neighborhood. This is a significant issue to us. I am, therefore, requesting a continuance to October 15, 1997.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


THOMAS M. GAU
2336 Eilers Lane
Lodi, California 95242

c: Ms. Alice M. Reimche, City Clerk