



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Donner Drive and Calaveras Street - No-Parking and Passenger-Loading Zones at Lawrence School

MEETING DATE: June 19, 1996

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution approving the installation of 52 feet of no-parking zone on Donner Drive west of Calaveras Street, adjacent to Lawrence School, as shown on Exhibit A. In addition, the passenger-loading zone will be installed on Calaveras Street and does not require action from Council. Per Section 10.44.150 of the Lodi Municipal Code, the Public Works Director is authorized to approve the installation of passenger-loading zones.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The following study has been prepared based on safety issues expressed by Lawrence School personnel. Recently, staff met with School personnel at the site regarding visibility concerns for drivers exiting the turnout on Donner Drive and double parking behind the diagonal-parking area on Calaveras Street. Following is information regarding that meeting and staff's recommendations.

Visibility Exiting Turnout

The on-site turnout located on Donner Drive west of Calaveras Street is used heavily morning and afternoon by drivers picking up and dropping off students. The concern in this area is that vehicles parked adjacent to the driveway create a visibility problem for drivers exiting the turnout. Staff has confirmed that vehicles park in this area frequently and visibility is affected. Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) has requested parking be prohibited along the entire portion between the driveways servicing the turnout. This will result in the elimination of three parking spaces.

Available accident records from 1992 through 1995 indicate there have been no accidents related to visibility problems. Daily traffic volumes on Donner Drive are approximately 1,000 vehicles and hourly traffic volumes at the beginning and end of the school day are approximately 120 and 70 vehicles, respectively.

Double Parking

Staff observed double parking at this school site. Even though double parking is illegal, it frequently occurs for short periods of time at almost every school site due to the limited parking available for both passenger loading and faculty parking. Enforcing this violation is difficult since it requires enforcement personnel at each school site. Additionally, since there is insufficient loading area, enforcing this violation is unpopular.

The School's main concern is double parking behind the area with diagonal-parking stalls. Double parking in this area prevents parked vehicles from leaving and is dangerous for students as they must walk through the diagonal parking stalls to get to their ride. Field observations at the School indicate the turnout at the north end of the School is at capacity forcing drivers to look for alternate locations. The majority of drivers have chosen to double park on Calaveras Street behind the diagonal parking area, since it is wider and close to an exit. Providing additional passenger-loading zone (approximately six spaces) on Calaveras Street will reduce this problem.

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION

Visibility Exiting Turnout

Since the availability of parking at the School is limited, the reduction of parking should be kept to a minimum. There is currently parking available for three vehicles on Donner Drive between the driveways servicing the turnout. LUSD requested removing the entire section and, since it cannot be used as a passenger-loading area because there is no sidewalk, staff recommends removing all of the parking between the driveways.

In addition to the area adjacent to the School, under a City Encroachment Permit, School personnel are permitted to park in the stadium lot just south of the School property throughout the year, with the exception of a few days. While staff has not observed vehicles parking in the stadium lot, we will remind Lawrence School Administration of its availability. Access to the lot is via a gate in the fence between the two parcels.

Double Parking

Due to the limited parking at school sites, the complete elimination of double parking is not likely to occur; however, it can be reduced by providing alternate parking areas for passenger loading. Based on these factors, staff recommends the installation of 136 feet of passenger-loading zone on Calaveras Street just south of Donner Drive. This zone will be signed for use for passenger loading only on school days between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and can accommodate up to six vehicles at a time. This restriction will allow unrestricted parking in the area during other events at the school, such as meetings and open houses. Staff has reviewed this recommendation with LUSD and they agree with the proposed parking modification. To further discourage the double parking behind the diagonal parking stalls, and encourage the use of the proposed passenger zone, the School will no longer allow students to exit near the diagonal parking area.

As an informational note, Lawrence School personnel would like to have the improvements made prior to the start of classes beginning on July 1. In addition to the parking modifications recommended, LUSD will be performing improvements in the turnout to provide more orderly movement. We have offered our assistance in these improvements.

FUNDING: Funding for the installation of 52 feet of no-parking and 136 feet of passenger-loading zone from the Street Maintenance Account at an approximate cost of \$475.



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Attachments

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Street Superintendent
City Engineer
Associate Traffic Engineer
LUSD Police Services - Biglow
Lawrence School Principal and Vice-Principal

RESOLUTION NO. 96-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A 52-FOOT NO-PARKING ZONE
ON DONNER DRIVE WEST OF CALAVERAS STREET, AND THE INSTALLATION
OF A PASSENGER LOADING ZONE ON CALAVERAS STREET

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby approve the installation of a 52-foot no-parking zone on Donner Drive west of Calaveras Street, and in addition installing a passenger loading zone on Calaveras Street, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Dated: June 19, 1996

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 96-78 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held June 19, 1996, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Davenport, Mann, Pennino, Sieglock
and Warner (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None


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City Clerk

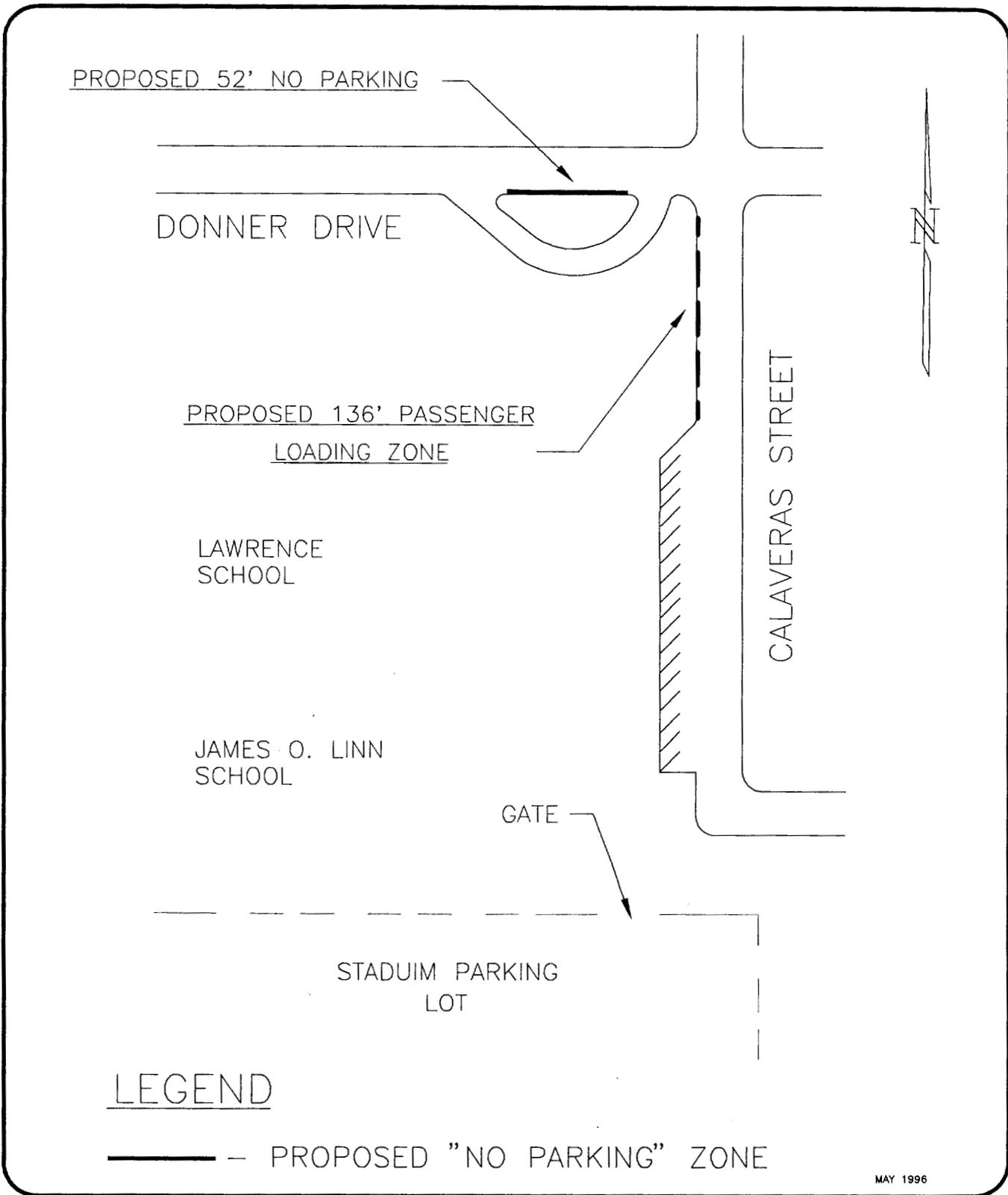


CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DONNER DRIVE
W/ CALAVERAS STREET

NO PARKING and PASSENGER LOADING ZONE



PROPOSED 52' NO PARKING

DONNER DRIVE

PROPOSED 136' PASSENGER
LOADING ZONE

LAWRENCE
SCHOOL

JAMES O. LINN
SCHOOL

GATE

STADIUM PARKING
LOT

CALAVERAS STREET

LEGEND

—— — PROPOSED "NO PARKING" ZONE

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**SUBJECT: Donner Drive and Calaveras Street - No-Parking and
Passenger-Loading Zones at Lawrence School**

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

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 the City Clerk at 305 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Jennifer Perrin, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Paula Fernandez, Associate Traffic Engineer, or Richard Prima, City Engineer, at (209) 333-6706.


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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk ✓