

of the Environmental Quality Act and recommended that the Council certify the Negative Declaration.

MOTION / VOTE:

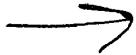
The City Council, on motion of Council Member Hitchcock, Howard second, adopted Resolution No. 2001-30 certifying the Negative Declaration for the Lodi Station Parking Structure and set a Public Hearing for February 21, 2001 to consider the Environmental Assessment for the Lodi Station Parking Structure. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Hitchcock, Howard, Land and Pennino
Noes: Council Members – None
Absent: Council Members – Mayor Nakanishi

I. ORDINANCES

None.

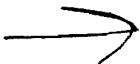
J. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS



- Mary Jane Halstead, 105 S. Crescent Avenue, Lodi, addressed the proposal to extend the no-parking area along Ham Lane from Vine Street to Lodi Avenue for the purpose of implementing a two-way, left-turn middle lane. Ms. Halstead spoke on behalf of 31 tenants at the La Espanã apartment complex at 350 S. Ham Lane. They object to the proposal because the street in front of their apartment is the only public parking area for non-residents. Ms. Halstead asked that the needs of these tenants be taken into consideration and that other alternatives be considered.

Mayor Pro Tempore Pennino reported that staff was given direction to explore this issue and look at all options. He asked staff to be sure to communicate with these tenants and notify them of their report and final recommendations.

Council Member Land stated that he had met with Ms. Halstead previously on this subject and commented that 90% of the residents at La Espanã apartments are elderly and have special needs (e.g. caretakers, delivery of meals-on-wheels, etc.).



- Judith Halstead also spoke in opposition to the Ham Lane no-parking proposal and stated that it would negatively effect many residents in addition to those at the La Espanã apartments. She reported that a number of employees at Vienna Convalescent Hospital expressed concern about losing parking places. Ms. Halstead suggested that closer monitoring of the speed on Ham Lane would resolve the traffic issues without the need for a two-way, left-turn lane and loss of parking places.

K. COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Council Member Land reported that he received a phone call from a resident questioning the non-removal of the railroad tracks on east Lodi Avenue.

City Manager Flynn explained that this issue has been a major concern of the City for 10 – 15 years.

Public Works Director Prima reported that there has been a large number of communications and meetings with railroad officials regarding the track removal. He indicated that delays may be due to competitive issues between the different railroad companies.

- Council Member Hitchcock commented that the League of California Cities will be raising their dues to provide for an increase in services.

F. Wally Sandelin, City Engineer
and
Lodi City Council

RECEIVED
01 FEB -5 PM 3:31
SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
CITY CLERK
CITY OF LODI

Having lived at the La Espana Apartments
350 So. Ham Lane for 25 years, we are very
concerned about the proposal to remove street parking
on Ham Lane from Lodi Avenue to Vine Street.

Our apartment complex has 31 units and
many of the tenants are elderly, some of whom
rely on Home Care, housekeeping helpers, meals-
on-wheels, and family and friends who stop
by to check on their well-being. Without
street parking these people would be unable to
call on the tenants.

Parking on the street is also used by
mail delivery trucks, service companies such
as carpet cleaners, plumbing companies, moving
vans and many others. Parking at the rear
of the apartments is very small and limited
to tenant parking.

Other tenants join us in hoping you
will reconsider your proposal to remove street
parking

Sincerely,
Ralph and Verna Clapp

February 1, 2001

City of Lodi
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, Ca. 95241-1910
Attention: F.Wally Sandelin, City Engineer

Subject: Installation of no-parking zones for continuous two-way
left turn lane on Ham Lane, from Vine Street to Lodi Avenue

Mr. Sandelin:

More than thirty-one homes are affected by this proposal. The number of rear end and left turn accidents on Ham Lane is related to speed and offensive, rather than defensive, driving. A better solution than making thirty-one residences suffer might be for more police observance of speed and yellow/red traffic light offenses.

At 350 So. Ham Lane, La Espana Apartments, there is no parking on the premises for anyone other than residents. If street parking is removed, there would be no access for visitors, caregivers, service people who clean, repair, or who do other hired work by the residents, overnight visitors, Meals on Wheels, or people picking up friends or relatives who do not drive. Also, when resurfacing is done on the resident garage area, they are asked to park their cars on the street, as well as when that area is cleaned. This would be impossible if there is no street parking.

Alternatives need to be explored. Removal of street parking on the west side of the street should be considered. Close monitoring and ticketing of aggressive drivers is also a powerful deterrent.

Some residents have lived in this well established residential complex for more than twenty-five years. This kind of removal would not even be considered in other residential areas of Lodi. It should not be considered in this residential area either.

Sincerely, 

Vivian V. Halstead, 350 So. Ham Lane, #7, Lodi, Ca. 95240
VVH/jah

cc: H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager
George Bradley, Street Superintendent
Carlos Tobar, Transportation Manager
Rick Kiri, Senior Engineering Technician
Paula Fernandez, Associate Traffic Engineer
Harlin and Nancy Watts, Owners La Espana
Frank Johnson, Property Manager

City Council Members
Jerry Adams, Police Chief

February 2, 2001

City of Lodi
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, Ca. 95241-1910
Attention: F. Wally Sandelin, City Engineer

Subject: Installation of no-parking zones for continuous two-way
left turn lane on Ham Lane, from Vine Street to Lodi Avenue

Mr. Sandelin:

There are many residents who would be affected by this proposal. In the letter sent to affected property owners and residents, dated January 23, 2001, it appears that "rushed" motorists were being accommodated, while the needs of residents were not even addressed.

At Vienna Convalescent Hospital, there are many residents. These are people who are not there for a short term on their way home; they live there...they are home. At the La Espana Apartments, there are 31 residences, and at both these residential areas, there are visitors, repair people, friends picking up other friends, employees, mail delivery people, and others who need street parking on the east side.

Ham Lane has become a busy street of aggressive fast drivers. Lodi Avenue is also a very busy street which has no left turn lanes. Other solutions need to be found for these busy streets with "rushed" drivers. On Ham Lane, removing parking on the west side of the street could be a solution which will much less affect the residential areas. Ticketing "rushed" drivers might be more effective than offering them "refuge."

There needs to be more study and alternatives considered and offered to residents.

Sincerely,



Judith Halstead, 27 Pinewood Ct., Lodi, Ca. 95242

cc: H.DixonFlynn, City Manager
City Council Members
Jerry Adams, Police Chief
George Bradley, Street Superintendent
Carlos Tobar, Transportation Manager
Rick Kiri, Senior Engineering Technician
Paula Fernandez, Associate Traffic Engineer
Harlin and Nancy Watts, owners La Espana
Frank Johnson, Property Manager



February 3, 2001

City of Lodi
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910
Attention: F.Wally Sandelin, City Engineer

Subject: Installation of no-parking zones for continuous two-way
left turn lane on Ham Lane, from Vine St. to Lodi Ave.

Mr. Sandelin:

Daily activities of the more than thirty-one residents of La Espana Garden Apartments at 350 So. Ham Lane would be extremely impacted. As at anyone's home, family, guests, and service people come and go throughout the day. Parking on the street in front of this well-established and maintained complex has been the only designated parking area for nonresidents. Removing this area is an ill-conceived plan that does not take into consideration the needs of these many longtime residents.

Removing the street parking on the west side of Ham Lane appears to be a more logical alternative, as there already exists ample off-street parking in the lots of the medical and business offices. I have rarely seen cars opting to park on the west side of the street to cross the street, or go to the office sites. However, the parking zone of the east side of Ham Lane is a continual necessity during the day and night for these residents.

Taking more time to research other alternatives is certainly in the best interest of these tax-paying residents of La Espana Garden Apartments.

Sincerely,



Mary Jane Halstead East
Daughter of Vivian V. Halstead, 350 So. Ham Lane #7, Lodi, Calif.

cc:H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager
City Council Members
Jerry Adams, Police Chief
George Bradley, Street Superintendent
Carlos Tobar, Transportation Manager
Rick Kiriu, Senior Engineering Technician
Paula Fernandez, Associate Traffic Engineer
Harlin and Nancy Watts, Property Owners of La Espana
Frank Johnson, Property Manager

Feb. 3, 2001

City Council:

Re Proposed no-parking zone
on Ham Lane

In response to Mr. F. Wally Sandelin's letter, I am a resident of La Papaya Senior apartments. The above proposal would cause hardships for me - We do not have any guest parking in our complex. My grandchildren, daughter or friends would have no place to park.

We have caregivers, cleaning persons as well as meals on wheels that need to park on the street - Where will they park? There must be some other solution to this problem -

Sincerely

Lorraine G. Phillips