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COUNCIL DISAPPROVES  
REQUEST FOR  
4-WAY STOP SIGNS  
ELM AND SACRAMENTO  
STREET

Council was reminded that the City had received a petition from a number of businessmen near the intersection of Sacramento and Elm Streets requesting the installation of a 4-way stop at that location.

The Public Works Department has taken traffic counts, checked the accident records and generally reviewed the problems and solutions at the intersections of both School and Sacramento with Elm since they are almost identical. Staff reported that in checking the warrants for 4-way stops at these two intersections, it was determined that there were only two accidents per year at each intersection subject to correction by 4-way stops. Five are required. It was also determined that the traffic volumes just barely meet the warrants for 4-way stops.

Further information which was developed was reviewed by Staff. Staff concluded their report by advising that it would appear that the two best alternatives at this time are to either leave the signing the way it is or to convert both intersections to 4-way stops. It was Staff's recommendation to install 4-way stops at both intersections. This recommendation is based on treating the downtown improvement district as one large parking lot.

A lengthy discussion followed with questions being directed to Staff.

Mayor Hinchman then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 85-95 establishing 4-way stops at School and Elm, and at Sacramento and Elm. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Reid. The motion failed to carry the following vote:

- Ayes: Council Members - Reid and Hinchman (Mayor)
- Noes: Council Members - Olson, Pinkerton, and Snider
- Absent: Council Members - None



# CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager  
DATE: July 12, 1985  
SUBJECT: 4-Way Stops at School and Elm, and at Sacramento and Elm

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council adopt a resolution establishing 4-way stops at School and Elm, and at Sacramento and Elm.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City received a petition from a number of business men near the intersection of Sacramento and Elm Streets requesting the installation of a 4-way stop at that location, copy enclosed as Exhibit A.

The Public Works Department has taken traffic counts, checked the accident records and generally reviewed the problems and solutions at intersections of both School and Sacramento with Elm since they are almost identical. In checking the warrants for 4-way stops at these two intersections, it was determined that there were only two accidents per year at each intersection subject to correction by 4-way stops. Five are required. It was also determined that the traffic volumes meet, just barely, the warrants for 4-way stops (See Exhibit B).

Further discussion and investigation led the department to consider all of the streets in the area and their use. A map was developed showing the streets in the downtown area and the traffic controls; yield signs; 2-way and 4-way stops, traffic signals. See Exhibit C. In reviewing the downtown area it appears that Lodi Avenue and Lockeford, should be used for cross-town traffic, east-west, and Church and Stockton should be used for cross-town traffic, north-south. These four streets would then leave the downtown area free of through traffic and tend to eliminate vehicles which have no reason for impacting the downtown area. Pine and Elm would then be used to bring traffic into the central business district from east and west of town, but would not be used for major cross-town movement. The remaining streets, School, Sacramento, Walnut, Oak and Locust should be used primarily for access to the various businesses and as a "parking lot". With this in mind it appears that it may be beneficial to provide 4-way stops at the two intersections in question.

Sacramento Street, with its present signing, is one of the better ways to get north and south through downtown from one industrial area to another. The major problem at the intersection of Sacramento and Elm is a sight distance problem created by delivery traffic and semi-commercial/industrial use. One alternative is to eliminate the angle parking on Sacramento Street immediately north and south of the intersection to increase visibility. While it appears

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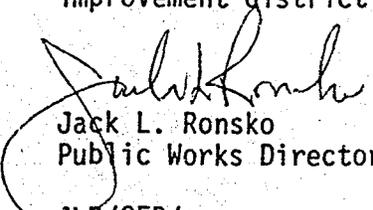
*Thomas A. Peterson*  
THOMAS A. PETERSON, City Manager

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that this would improve traffic flow, it may be that the sight distance problem we now have at that intersection is one of the reasons we do not have a lot of accidents. People realize it is a dangerous intersection and drive carefully.

It would appear that the two best alternatives at this time are to either leave the signing the way it is or to convert both intersections to 4-way stops. It is this department's recommendation to install 4-way stops at both intersections. This recommendation is based on treating the downtown improvement district as one large parking lot.



Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

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GRAFFIGNA BROS. AUTO PARTS, INC.

108 N. SACRAMENTO STREET / LODI, CALIFORNIA 95240

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May 13, 1985

ALICE M. REIMCHE  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF LODI

To the OFFICE of the CITY MANAGER:

We, the undersigned merchants, hereby petition the CITY of LODI to install 4-Way Stop signs at the intersection of Elm and Sacramento Sts.

We believe this to be necessary to traffic safety in this vicinity.

(Signed)

JOE HASSAN

100 N. SACRAMENTO ST.

Joe Hassan

JOE HASSAN

47 N. SACRAMENTO ST.

Joe Hassan

GRAFFIGNA BROS. AUTO PARTS, INC. 108 N. SACRAMENTO ST.

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SMITTY'S TAVERN

114 N. SACRAMENTO ST.

Ernie Schmidt

CHAPALITO CAFE

107 N. SACRAMENTO ST.

Guadalupe Nieto

PERLA'S CAFE

113½ N. SACRAMENTO ST.

Albino Paz

GUADALAJARA

121 N. SACRAMENTO ST.

Jose R. Lopez

PAYLESS MARKET

101 N. SACRAMENTO ST.

Letsi Aalvariz

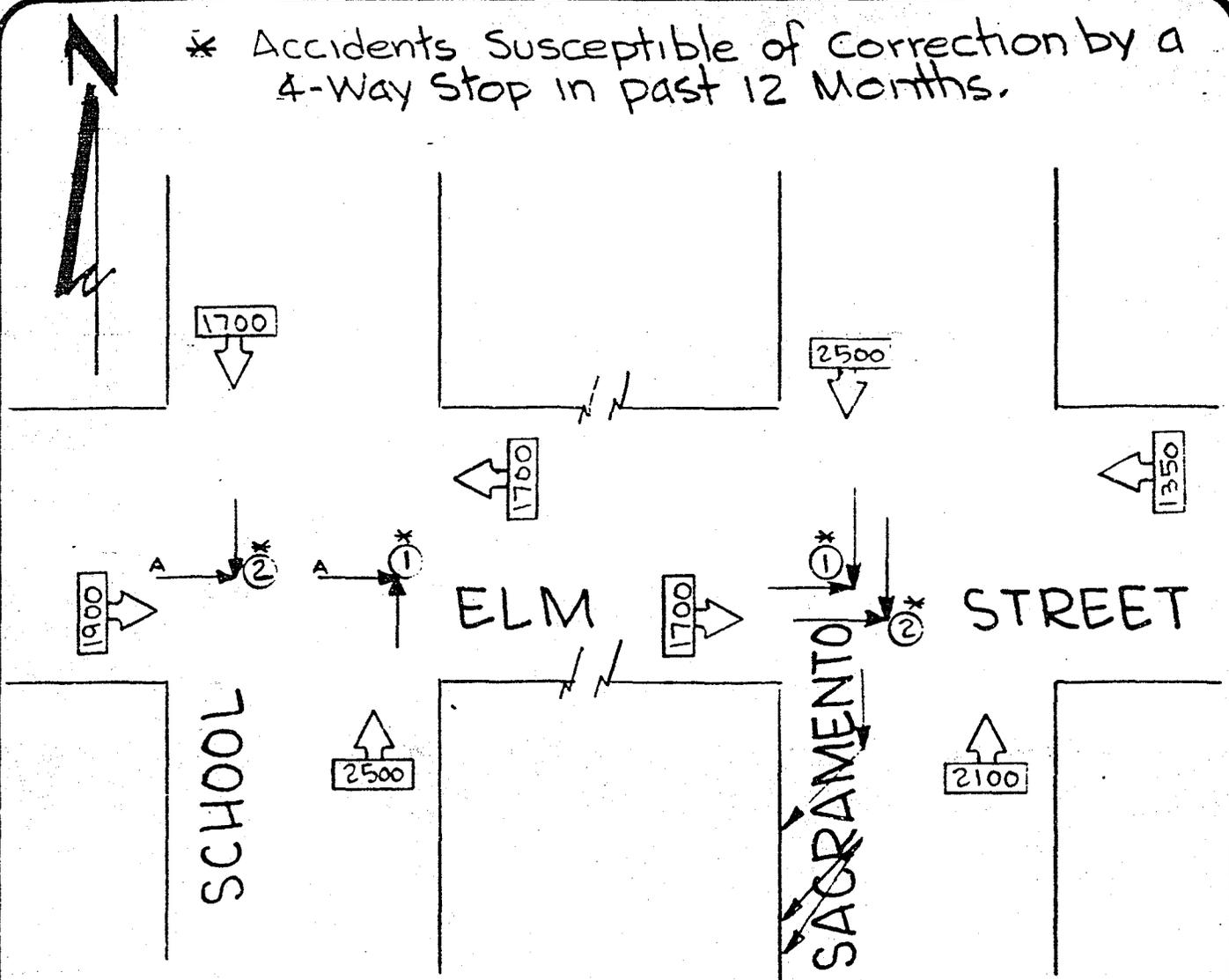


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## ACCIDENT DIAGRAM ELM & SCHOOL ELM & SACRAMENTO

\* Accidents Susceptible of Correction by a 4-Way Stop in past 12 Months.



### ELM & SCHOOL

NO.	DATE	TIME	DAMAGE	INJ	APPARENT CAUSE
1	5.4.84	1541	MAJ-MOD	0	RIGHT-OF-WAY (A)
2	12.21.84	1055	MIN-MOD	0	" " " (A)

### ELM & SACRAMENTO

1	5.24.84	1215	MOD-MIN	1	RIGHT-OF-WAY (A)
2	12.29.84	2017	MAJ-MOD	0	" " " (A)

Drawn MED

No Date

Approved

Approved By

Checked

Date JUNE 85

Public Works Director  
RCE

Date

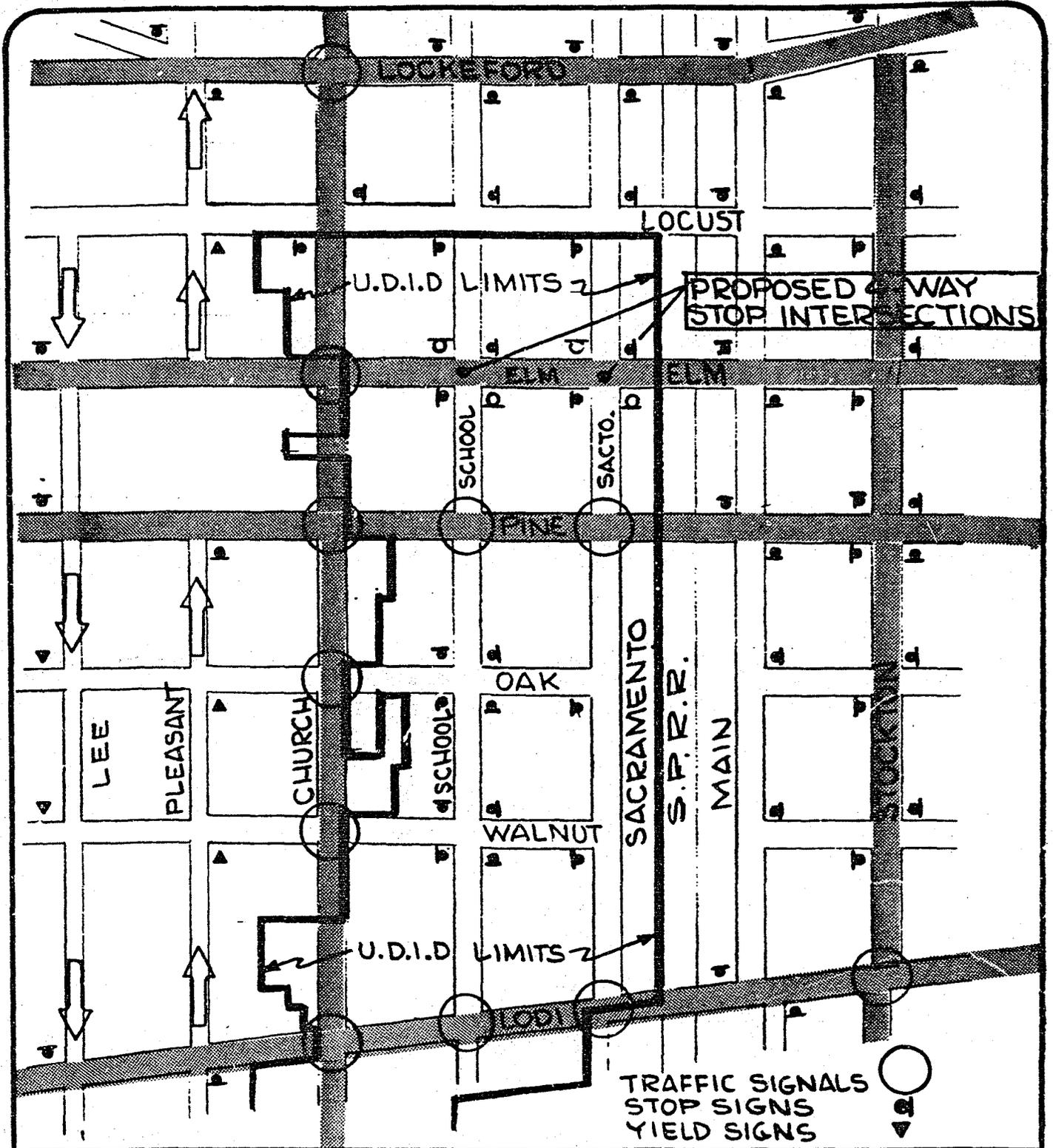
Exhibit B



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## 4-WAY STOPS ELM & SCHOOL ELM & SACRAMENTO



Drawn <b>MED</b>	No.	Date	Approved
Checked			
Date <b>JULY '85</b>			

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Works Director  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit C**

CITY COUNCIL

DAVID M. HINCHMAN, Mayor  
FRED M. REID  
Mayor Pro Tempore  
EVELYN M. OLSON  
JAMES W. PINKERTON, Jr.  
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CITY CLERK  
CITY OF LODI, 1985

THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager

ALICE M. REIMCHE  
City Clerk

RONALD M. STEIN  
City Attorney

TO: Sacramento Street Proprietors

SUBJECT: Four-Way Stop Sign Request at the Intersection of  
Elm and Sacramento

This is to inform you that the City Council at its last meeting of July 24, 1985, denied your request for a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Elm and Sacramento Streets. The City Council did not agree with the staff recommendation and felt in general that no additional stop signs should be installed in the downtown area and especially on Elm Street. It was felt that Elm Street will ultimately be one of our major east-west collector streets.

Thank you for your concern as it relates to traffic safety.

Sincerely

Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

cc: City Clerk 

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Payless Market  
101 N. Sacramento St.  
Lodi, CA 95240

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