



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 01/20/2026

ITEM NO: 19

DATE: January 13, 2026
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: **Mayor Request to Direct Staff to Evaluate Feasibility of Painting Red Curb Markings Near Intersection Crosswalks Under California's Daylighting Law**

RECOMMENDATION: Mayor requests that the Town Council consider whether to support directing staff to evaluate the feasibility of strategically painting red curbs at select intersections, consistent with California's Daylighting Law, to enhance visibility and safety as part of normal operations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As this is a request by one Councilmember, staff has not performed analysis of the possible financial impacts associated with the contemplated recommendation.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND:

This Council Matter is initiated by Mayor Rob Moore in accordance with the Town of Los Gatos Council Agenda Format and Rules Policy (Policy 2-01), which allows members of the Town Council to raise matters for brief discussion, make announcements, or discuss whether to place an item on a future agenda for consideration by the full Council.

The item is intended to bring forward a policy topic for Council consideration without directing staff action and without requiring a staff report or analysis at this time.

PREPARED BY: Chris Constantin
Town Manager

Reviewed by: N/A

Effective January 1, 2024, Assembly Bill 413 amended the California Vehicle Code to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking within 20 feet of the approach side of a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, or within 15 feet where a curb extension is present. This change, commonly referred to as the Daylighting Law, is intended to improve visibility and reduce conflicts between vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor-initiated Council Matter is to ask whether the Council majority wishes to request staff to consider and evaluate, as appropriate, the strategic use of red curb markings at select intersections to support the visibility and safety goals of the Daylighting Law. While the parking restriction applies regardless of curb markings, painting red curbs may help improve public awareness and voluntary compliance, particularly given that many residents may be unfamiliar with the recent change in state law.

Consistent with the limited scope of Council Matters under Policy 2-01, this item is not intended to direct staff, allocate funding, or initiate a comprehensive analysis. Rather, it is intended to gauge Council interest in whether further consideration of this topic should be incorporated into future work or routine operations.

Examples of locations where enhanced visibility may be beneficial include University Avenue and Andrews Street, Loma Alta Avenue and Whitney Avenue, and Los Gatos Boulevard and Frank Avenue, based on traffic volumes, resident concerns, and sight distance considerations.

CONCLUSION:

This Mayor-initiated Council Matter is intended to seek Council input on whether to further consider strategic red curb markings at select intersections to support the safety and visibility objectives of California's Daylighting Law. The item is presented for discussion only and does not commit the Town to any specific action.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative #1: Receive the Mayor's report and take no further action.

COORDINATION:

The item is a Council Matter request and was not reviewed by other staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This item is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, as it involves a request for Council consideration and possible

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direction to evaluate feasibility and does not commit the Town to a definite course of action. Any future actions that may result in a physical change to the environment would be subject to separate CEQA review, as appropriate.

Attachments:

None.