



CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 15th, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Carlye Buchholz, PE, PLS, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Parking Modifications for Compliance with AB 413

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends to the Sonora City Council receive an update on the installation of red curb markings and elimination of parking spaces within 20 feet of marked or unmarked crosswalks within the city limits to comply with Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413).

BACKGROUND

AB 413, commonly known as the “Daylighting Bill,” was designed to increase visibility at crosswalks in California and was signed into law in October of 2023 by Gov. Gavin Newsom. AB 413 prohibits parking or stopping a vehicle along a curb within 20 feet from a marked or unmarked crosswalk. The regulation only applies to the side of the road where the vehicles approach the crosswalk. Restricting vehicles stopped or parked within the 20 feet leading up to a crosswalk increases pedestrian visibility for approaching drivers and drivers stopped in traffic by removing vehicles obstructing their view and allowing them to see if someone is entering the crosswalk with more notice. Crosswalks with curb extensions require a reduced 15-foot buffer.

DISCUSSION

As a result of this new law, City staff performed an inventory of affected on-street parking stalls within the city limits. Ten (10) known parking spaces need to be eliminated to bring the City into compliance with the new law. Modifications are needed at the following locations:

1. Washington Street near Fire Museum
2. Stewart Street @ East Jackson Street
3. Shepherd Street @ Lyons Street
4. Stewart Street @ Linoberg Street
5. Stewart Street @ Vinny’s Italian Kitchen
6. Shepherd Street @ Theall Street
7. Washington Street @ Stockton Street
8. Washington Street @ West Church Street

9. Washington Street @ West Lytton Street
10. Washington Street @ Restano Way

FISCAL IMPACT

City staff will be able to install the required red curb markings and use readily available red curb paint. A gallon of red curb paint typically costs less than \$100 and can cover up to 90 square feet. Red curb paint bought in bulk may reduce material costs. Red curb paint typically lasts 12 to 18 months, and there will be an associated maintenance cost to re-paint the curbs when the original red curb paint begins to fade.

ENVIRONMENTAL

There is no environmental impact.

ATTACHMENTS

California Vehicle Code, CVC 22500(n).



VEHICLE CODE - VEH

DIVISION 11. RULES OF THE ROAD [21000 - 23336] (*Division 11 enacted by Stats. 1959, Ch. 3.)*

CHAPTER 9. Stopping, Standing, and Parking [22500 - 22526] (*Chapter 9 enacted by Stats. 1959, Ch. 3.)*

22500. A person shall not stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- (a) Within an intersection, except adjacent to curbs as may be permitted by local ordinance.
- (b) On a crosswalk, except that a bus engaged as a common carrier or a taxicab may stop in an unmarked crosswalk to load or unload passengers when authorized by the legislative body of a city pursuant to an ordinance.
- (c) Between a safety zone and the adjacent right-hand curb or within the area between the zone and the curb as may be indicated by a sign or red paint on the curb, which sign or paint was erected or placed by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance.
- (d) Within 15 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station. This subdivision does not apply to any vehicle owned or operated by a fire department and clearly marked as a fire department vehicle.
- (e) (1) In front of a public or private driveway, except that a bus engaged as a common carrier, schoolbus, or a taxicab may stop to load or unload passengers when authorized by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance.
(2) In unincorporated territory, where the entrance of a private road or driveway is not delineated by an opening in a curb or by other curb construction, so much of the surface of the ground as is paved, surfaced, or otherwise plainly marked by vehicle use as a private road or driveway entrance, shall constitute a driveway.
- (f) On a portion of a sidewalk, or with the body of the vehicle extending over a portion of a sidewalk, except electric carts when authorized by local ordinance, as specified in Section 21114.5. Lights, mirrors, or devices that are required to be mounted upon a vehicle under this code may extend from the body of the vehicle over the sidewalk to a distance of not more than 10 inches.
- (g) Alongside or opposite a street or highway excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
- (h) On the roadway side of a vehicle stopped, parked, or standing at the curb or edge of a highway, except for a schoolbus when stopped to load or unload pupils in a business or residence district where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less.
- (i) Except as provided under Section 22500.5, alongside curb space authorized for the loading and unloading of passengers of a bus engaged as a common carrier in local transportation when indicated by a sign or red paint on the curb erected or painted by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance.
- (j) In a tube or tunnel, except vehicles of the authorities in charge, being used in the repair, maintenance, or inspection of the facility.
- (k) Upon a bridge, except vehicles of the authorities in charge, being used in the repair, maintenance, or inspection of the facility, and except that buses engaged as a common carrier in local transportation may stop to load or unload passengers upon a bridge where sidewalks are provided, when authorized by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance, and except that local authorities pursuant to an ordinance or the Department of Transportation pursuant to an order, within their respective jurisdictions, may permit parking on bridges having sidewalks and shoulders of sufficient width to permit parking without interfering with the normal movement of traffic on the roadway. Local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, may permit parking on these bridges on state highways in their respective jurisdictions if the ordinance or resolution is first approved in writing by the Department of

Transportation. Parking shall not be permitted unless there are signs in place, as may be necessary, to indicate the provisions of local ordinances or the order of the Department of Transportation.

(l) In front of or upon that portion of a curb that has been cut down, lowered, or constructed to provide wheelchair accessibility to the sidewalk.

(m) In a portion of a highway that has been designated for the exclusive use of public transit buses.

(n) (1) (A) Within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a local authority may establish a different distance if both of the following requirements are met:

(i) A local authority establishes the different distance by ordinance that includes a finding that the different distance is justified by established traffic safety standards.

(ii) A local authority has marked the different distance at the intersection using paint or a sign.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a local authority may permit commercial vehicle loading or unloading within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present if both of the following requirements are met:

(A) A local authority authorizes the commercial vehicle loading and unloading by ordinance and identifies the crosswalk or crosswalks in the ordinance.

(B) A local authority has marked the commercial loading and unloading areas with paint or signage.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a local authority may permit parking for bicycles or motorized scooters within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

(4) Prior to January 1, 2025, jurisdictions may only issue a warning, and shall not issue a citation, for a violation unless the violation occurs in an area marked using paint or a sign.

(Amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 652, Sec. 1. (AB 413) Effective January 1, 2024.)