



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Downtown Parking Advisory Board (DPAB)

**FROM:** Bill Robeson, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director

**BY:** Shannon Sweeney, City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the 2024 Village Striping Plan

**DATE:** April 26, 2024

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### SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Recommendation of approval will result in new road striping of E. Branch Street through the Village.

### IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

Funding has already been allocated to the 2022 Slurry Seal Project, which includes maintenance on East Branch Street from El Camino Real to Mason Street and restoration of existing striping. Any additional cost is expected to be minor and can be paid for using available contingency for the project.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Review the proposed striping plan for the portion of E. Branch Street within the Village and recommend its approval to the Public Works Director. The slurry seal project, including the proposed striping plan was determined to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on the basis that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).)

### BACKGROUND:

On [August 23, 2022](#), City Council selected streets for maintenance and repairs. One segment slated for slurry seal is Branch Street between El Camino Real and Mason Street. On [April 11, 2023](#), plans and specifications for maintenance and repairs of selected streets were approved.

On [June 13, 2023](#), a slurry seal construction project was awarded to American Asphalt South. Construction work did not begin immediately because a concrete repairs project was underway affecting the crosswalks in the Village. Slurry seal through the Village prior to completing crosswalks would have resulted in an incomplete appearance. By the time

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adequate work was completed on the crosswalks in the Village in November, air temperatures were not conducive to a successful slurry seal application.

Now, air temperatures are warm enough to proceed with slurry seal. The contractor has indicated that they will be performing work in the City of Arroyo Grande between April 22 and May 10. Slurry seal on Branch Street is currently scheduled for the beginning of May.

**ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:**

Installation of the permanent parklets , which occurred in the summer of 2023, disrupted the parking stall alignment in the Village. Because the on-street parking in the Village is highly desirable, staff evaluated the existing markings and determined that restriping could create more efficient parking. Staff reviewed parking stall arrangements available in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control (MUTC) and developed a parking plan that maximizes the number of parking stalls. The proposed striping plan is included as Attachment 1.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The following alternatives are provided for the Board's consideration:

1. Approve the striping plans, as proposed by staff;
2. Do not approve the modified striping plan, which will result in restoring the existing striping plan (no changes); or
3. Provide other direction to staff.

**ADVANTAGES:**

Modifying the stripping plan now takes advantage of the current maintenance work occurring in the Village. Slurry seal is scheduled to occur by May 10. Once completed, the contractor will apply pavement markings in the Village. The original contract requires the contractor to replace existing striping upon completion of slurry seal.

The proposed striping maximizes the number of parking stalls in the Village while still following MUTC rules. The proposed striping also creates more consistency in the size of parking stalls.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

The proposed restriping plan will result in new parking stall alignment. It may take time for the public to adjust to the new parking layout.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This modified striping plan is exempt from CEQA on the basis that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).)

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**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:**

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed striping plan