



Agenda Item: 16.A
Date of Meeting: October 23, 2023
Department: Planning

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Ana Budnyk
Subject: **First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance Approving One-Way Access For Delivery Vehicles Only In The Alley**
Prepared On: October 13, 2023
Attachments: Attachment A_An Ordinance_One-Way Access for Delivery Vehicles Only in the Alley
Attachment B_Site Map

Background/History:

The City of Bishop has recently received an application for an encroachment permit within the City's right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to the Eastside Student Center, located at 162 W Line St, Bishop, CA 93514. The requested encroachment permit, if granted, would entail a 6-foot extension into the City's alley right-of-way on West Line Street. This particular alley, positioned between South Main Street and South Warren Street, currently facilitates two-way vehicular traffic.

Analysis/Discussion:

The purpose of the encroachment permit is to facilitate the installation of temporary fences and planters by the Eastside Student Center. These temporary installations aim to delineate and secure an outdoor space dedicated to youth activities. Importantly, Caltrans District 9 has expressed its support for converting the alley into a one-way out-only passage, along with the recommendation for its closure to regular vehicular traffic.

To ensure transparency and involve stakeholders in the decision-making process, public notices were disseminated to adjacent property and business owners. These notices outlined two proposed options: one that would convert the alley circulation into a one-way route exiting onto West Line Street, and a second option that would entirely close vehicular access, transforming the alley into pedestrian and bicycle access only.

In response to the proposals, feedback from property and business owners underscored the critical need to maintain delivery access through the alley. The majority expressed their support for the conversion to one-way access. However, one of the adjacent business owners raised concerns about the funding of signage installation, questioning whether it should rely on taxpayers' funds.

In light of the community's feedback, the City adapted the proposal to accommodate vehicle access in the alley, recognizing the vital importance of maintaining access for delivery vehicles.

Considering the community's input and the need for inclusive access, it is recommended that the City Council approve the modification of the Unnamed Alley, between West Line Street and 201 South Main Street, to function as a one-way access route, primarily designated for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, while simultaneously preserving essential delivery truck access.

During the research, it was noticed that a similar Unnamed Alley, between West Line Street and Church Street, is not included in the City of Bishop Municipal Code Title 10, Chapter 10.24. It is proposed that both alleys be included in Chapter 10.24 - "One-Way Streets," Section 10.24.010 - "Designated".

Economic Impacts:

There is no significant economic impact.

Budget Impacts:

City's funds for 2 signs.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance Approving One-Way Access For Delivery Vehicles Only In The Alley (by title only).

Approved By: Ethan Aukee / 10/16/2023

Approved By: Robin Picken / 10/18/2023

Approved By: Dean Pucci / 10/19/2023

Approved By: Nora Gamino 10/19/2023