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City of St. Helena
Special City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 8:30 AM
City Hall Conference Room
1480 Main Street, St. Helena

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor: Geoff Ellsworth, Vice Mayor: Paul Dohring, City Council Members:
Anna Chouteau, David Knudsen and Mary Koberstein

3. OLD BUSINESS

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Prepared By: Erica Ahmann Smithies, Public Works Director and City Engineer

Recommendation:

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[Staff Report - Pdf](#)

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[Attachment 4: Community Petition to County Supervisor Dillon](#)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vintage Hall Board Room located at 465 Main Street.

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Cindy Tzaopoulos, City Clerk

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Report to the City Council
Regular City Council - 14 Jan 2020

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Reviewed By: April Mitts, Finance Director

Approved By: April Mitts, Finance Director

BACKGROUND

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DISCUSSION

On September 19, 2019, the City's Public Works Director (City) sent the County Director (County) a letter addressing the above safety concerns and a formal request to implement traffic calming measures in the best interest and continued safety of our community and for those who visit and do business in the Napa Valley. The County followed-up on several occasions and informed the City the item would be brought to the Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting on September 24, 2019, and requested monetary assistance with the lighted intersection warning signage.

On September 23, 2019, the County informed the City the County staff report had been pulled from the Board agenda since there was no support from the Board for the left-turn restrictions to move forward. However, there seemed to be consensus from the Board to restrict truck traffic. The City and County continued to converse with truck restrictions and advanced warning signage; however, when the County brought to their legal Counsel a proposed ordinance, the County Counsel informed the City Attorney there was no legal basis to restrict truck traffic on the Pratt Avenue Bridge similar to what the City approved via ordinance and currently enforces on Pope Street Bridge. However, California Vehicle Code Section 21101) appears to provide language allowing for the restriction of vehicles on particular streets.

It is important to note the City's jurisdiction generally ends on the western span of the Pratt Avenue Bridge over the Napa River. Therefore, while some discussions took place at the City level, the County Public Works Director, County Executive Officer, and the Board of Supervisors are the authority for implementing any improvements on Silverado Trail and at the intersection of Pratt Avenue. Both the City and County Public Works Directors, as well as the City's Police Chief, agree that restricting left turning movements would be a safety improvement at the intersection since there is not sufficient room to provide a left turn pocket on either the Pratt Avenue Bridge or on northbound Silverado Trail which contributes to traffic congestion and, most likely, accidents.

The process of restricting left turning movements and truck restrictions on the bridge requires the County Public Works Director to seek approval from the County Board to install the additional regulatory signage in their jurisdiction. Lighted advance warning intersection signage could be ordered and implemented at any time.

On November 26, 2019, the City Council asked a resolution be brought forward for approval expressing City Council safety recommendations to the Napa County Board of Supervisors related to the Pratt Bridge re-opening.

On December 6, 2019, the County informed the City the Pratt Avenue Bridge is scheduled to be re-opened on Friday, December 13, 2019. When asked what safety improvements were to be implemented, the County stated none at this time.

On December 10, 2019, a petition addressed to County Supervisor Diane Dillon was submitted to the City Clerk comprised of approximately 38 signatures from residents of the City's Crinella subdivision and Pratt Avenue requesting safety improvements to be implemented prior to the Pratt Avenue Bridge re-opening.

FISCAL IMPACT

Any new regulatory signage to assist the County for posting truck or left-turn restrictions would be minimal (<\$200) and absorbed in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Street Operations budget. The only requests to date from the County was to pay for the signage cost of the lighted intersection warning signs which should be approximately \$5,000 or less for two signs and assistance with sweeping the bridge prior to reopening which can be absorbed by the City's Street Operations budget. It is Staff's expectation that the County should agree to install and maintain these signs into perpetuity since they are in the County's jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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- I. Other than to request funds from the City to purchase the lighted intersection signs on Silverado Trail, the County has no plans to implement any of the City's proposed recommendations at this time and the bridge is scheduled to reopen on Friday, December 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of St. Helena resolves as follows:

1. Request the County Board of Supervisors to timely consider the City's safety recommendations related to the Pratt Bridge re-opening.
2. Request the County of Napa temporarily suspend the re-opening of the Pratt Avenue Bridge until additional safety improvements are implemented.

Approved at a Special Meeting of the St. Helena City Council on December 12, 2019, by the following vote:

Mayor Ellsworth:	_____
Vice Mayor Dohring:	_____
Councilmember Koberstein:	_____
Councilmember Chouteau:	_____
Councilmember Knudsen:	_____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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September 19, 2019

Mr. Steven Lederer
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RE: Silverado Trail Slide Repairs and the Pratt Avenue Re-opening
Traffic Safety Improvements

Dear Steve,

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In addition to the above, the City will be installing radar speed limit feedback signs in both directions on Pratt Avenue as well reduced lane width striping to support traffic calming along this stretch of road.

If the County Board of Supervisors approves of the proposed safety improvements, the City will continue to coordinate with the County as well as purchase and install additional regulatory warning signage within City limits on Pratt Avenue to alert eastbound motorists on their approach to Silverado Trail. The pending change in road conditions would also be preempted with a press release and flashing warning signage on the City's portable trailer for up to two weeks.

Should you require further information, please call or email me at (707) 968-2629.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erica Ahmann Smithies".

Erica Ahmann Smithies, PE
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08/21/2015	Incident	1508210007	Talbott, Matt	

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AT SILVERADO TRAIL/PRATT AV

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07/01/2013	Incident	1307010009	Tharp, Justin	
07/03/2013	Incident	1307030006	Hartley, Chris	
03/04/2015	Incident	1503040001	Rist, Justin	
05/09/2015	Incident	1505090034	Faria, Daniel	
07/26/2015	Incident	1507260009	Jovel, Ramon	
07/31/2015	Incident	1507310005	Heald, Todd	
03/15/2016	Incident	1603150029	California Highway Patrol	
06/08/2016	Incident	1606080010	Peterson, Steve	
06/19/2016	Incident	1606190020	Hartley, James	
11/04/2016	Incident	1611040034	Bianco, Filippo	
12/08/2016	Incident	1612080017	Bianco, Filippo	

ATT 2011-2016

Description
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/E NAPA COUNTY ASSISTS 2011-2016

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12/5/2019

Supervisor Diane Dillion

The Pratt Avenue bridge intersection with the Silverado Trail is an unsafe intersection. There have been many accidents at this location. Soon the county is going to open this intersection after being closed for over 3 years. The city of St. Helena has already sent a letter to Steven Lederer Public Works Director for Napa County on this issue. See enclosed letter. Anthony Micheli has also sent you a letter which appeared in the St. Helena Star and Napa Register with no response from you. Both letters request the county ban left hand turns off and onto the bridge for safety reasons. They also request the same truck restrictions as the Pope Street bridge. It is foolish if we do not fix this unsafe intersection before another accident or fatality occurs. The concerned citizens signing below live on Pratt Ave, Park Street and Crinella Drive which are the most effective by the opening of the Pratt Ave Bridge.

Anthony Micheli - 1125 Crinella Dr.

Mike Gouffier - 1824 PARK ST.

Don Rinaldi - 619 Pratt Ave

Paul Little 1160 Crinella

~~Mark Rinaldi~~ 1707 PARK

Em Little 1715 Park

Kam Smith 1731 Park

~~Jeff~~ 1815 Park (exclude the restriction on turning left ONTO Pratt.)

~~[Signature]~~ 1807 PARK ST

~~Peggy Seeger~~ 1112 PRATT AVE

Marsha Zvaib 977 Pratt Ave.

Dolores Hoppe 715 Pratt Ave

ROCCO FAZIO 631 PRATT

CAROL FAZIO 631 Pratt

Marcos Amador 15 Christine

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Rick Broyles - 1748 PARK ST.

Michelle Lin Correll 1700 Park St

Beverly A. Kinney 619 Pratt Ave.

NATHAN SMITH 1731 PARK ST

Pamela Griffin 1824 Park St.

John Parnade 15- HENRY CT
April Butten 1727 Crinella Dr.

Susan M Dwyer 1759 Crinella Dr.

Carolanne Samale 1807 Crinella Dr.

ERASMO

GOMEZ

Arling

HIP PEREZ

1848 Crinella Dr.

Larson, John

1848 Crinella Dr.

1746 Crinella Dr.

MSR

1742 Crinella Dr.

Opene 1742 CRINELLA DRIVE

Luke DeAlon

604 Pratt

Silvana Vachin, L. 1726 Crinella Dr.

Jessica H. 1718 Crinella Dr.

Mike Wark 1075 Crinella Ct.

1745 1774-5:30
June M. 1075 Pratt Ave (excluding left turn restriction)
Julia M Bolander 652 Pratt Ave
Diana Varozza 514 Pratt Ave
John Varozza 514 Pratt Ave.
Miller 643 Pratt Ave.



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St. Helena City Council and Mayor

June 2, 2019

Subject: Pratt Avenue Bridge

The county's proposal to fix the county highway at the Pratt Ave. bridge is going to continue to cause accidents and take lives. The county needs to ban left-hand turns on to the Pratt Ave. bridge coming from the south on the Silverado Trail. The city of St. Helena needs to ban left-hand turns off the Pratt Ave. bridge on to the Silverado Trail going north. Cars and trucks going north on the Silverado Trail, coming around the turnoff to Madrone Knoll have no time to stop for a vehicle turning left on the Pratt Ave. bridge. There is no turning lane and even if there was, accidents would occur. (Check the accident reports over the last ten-years at this location.) On more than one occasion my friend Mike Griffin and I have had to back big rigs off the bridge who tried to turn left onto the bridge. Once it was a truck and trailer full of gasoline. We had to close the Silverado Trail to get him off the bridge.

County Supervisor Diane Dillon, when she was running for re-election at the debate forum at Napa Valley College told the audience "we would have input into the repair of the Silverado Trail at the Pratt Ave. bridge". Then, months ago, a representative from the county came to St. Helena City Council for an update. Same story, "we will have input when the time comes". On May 28th representatives from the Napa County Public Works Department came to our city council meeting to tell us how they were going to fix the Pratt Ave. intersection. Currently, the public has not had the opportunity to provide any input. The mayor of St. Helena did not allow any public input on this matter. Instead, he told me to write a letter, which I am doing. This project is a suicide project. This bridge should also have the load limits the same as the Pope Street bridge, "No Large Trucks".

From the Pratt Ave. bridge north onto Silverado Trail, it is just as bad. If you are not quick enough to avoid the north and south bound traffic, you

are in trouble. My wife would go down to the bridge when it was open and cut down the brush on the north side of the bridge so she could see. The county does not keep this line of sight clear. It is just too dangerous to make a left hand turn off the bridge. The problem is, the bridge is not perpendicular to the Silverado Trail.

If the county and the City of St. Helena do not remedy this situation before construction I will be the first person to give this the letter to the next accident victim that occurs at this location. And, they can take legal action against the city and county because they have been given notification of this dangerous situation.

Anthony M. Micheli

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cc. Napa County Board of Supervisors,
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Steve Lederer (Co. Public Works Director),
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12/08/2016	Incident	1612080017	Bianco, Filippo	

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12/5/2019

Supervisor Diane Dillion

The Pratt Avenue bridge intersection with the Silverado Trail is an unsafe intersection. There have been many accidents at this location. Soon the county is going to open this intersection after being closed for over 3 years. The city of St. Helena has already sent a letter to Steven Lederer Public Works Director for Napa County on this issue. See enclosed letter. Anthony Micheli has also sent you a letter which appeared in the St. Helena Star and Napa Register with no response from you. Both letters request the county ban left hand turns off and onto the bridge for safety reasons. They also request the same truck restrictions as the Pope Street bridge. It is foolish if we do not fix this unsafe intersection before another accident or fatality occurs. The concerned citizens signing below live on Pratt Ave, Park Street and Crinella Drive which are the most effective by the opening of the Pratt Ave Bridge.

Anthony Micheli - 1125 Crinella Dr.

Mike Gouffier - 1824 PARK ST.

Don Rinaldi - 619 Pratt Ave

Paul Little 1160 Crinella

Mark [unclear] 1707 PARK

Eun [unclear] 1715 Park

Kam Smith 1731 Park

[unclear] 1815 Park (exclude the restriction on turning left ONTO Pratt.)

[unclear] 1807 PARK ST

Peggy [unclear] 1112 PRATT AVE

Marsha Zvaib 977 Pratt Ave.

Dolores Hoppe 715 Pratt Ave

ROCCO FAZIO 631 PRATT

CAROL FAZIO 631 Pratt

Marcos Amador IS Christine

.. Cont →

Rick Broyles - 1748 PARK ST.

Michelle Lin Correll 1700 Park St

Beverly A. Kinney 619 Pratt Ave.

NATHAN SMITH 1731 PARK ST

Pamela Griffin 1824 Park St.

John Parnade 15- HENRY CT
April Butten 1727 Crinella Dr.

Susan M Dwyer 1759 Crinella Dr.

Carolanne Samale 1807 Crinella Dr.

ERASMO

GOMEZ

Arling

HIP PEREZ

1848 Crinella Dr.

Larson, John

1848 Crinella Dr.

1746 Crinella Dr.

MSR

1742 Crinella Dr.

Opene 1742 CRINELLA DRIVE

Luke DeAlon

604 Pratt

Silvana Vachin, L. 1726 Crinella Dr.

Jessica H. 1718 Crinella Dr.

Mike Wark 1075 Crinella Ct.

1745 1774-5:30
June M. 1075 Pratt Ave (excluding left turn restriction)
Julia M Bolander 652 Pratt Ave
Diana Varozza 514 Pratt Ave
John Varozza 514 Pratt Ave.
Miller 643 Pratt Ave.



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September 19, 2019

Mr. Steven Lederer
Public Works Director
County of Napa
1195 Third Street
Napa, CA. 94559
Steven.lederer@countyofnapa.org

RE: Silverado Trail Slide Repairs and the Pratt Avenue Re-opening
Traffic Safety Improvements

Dear Steve,

As you are aware, the City of St. Helena community is concerned with the re-opening of Pratt Avenue to Silverado Trail once the County of Napa completes the slide repairs on Silverado Trail. Some of the concerns raised by the community have included: speeding, trucks with trailers becoming stuck on the Pratt Avenue Bridge, and accidents at the intersection of Pratt Avenue and Silverado Trail due to no left-turning lanes and short line of sight to the intersection.

On September 10, 2019, the City of St. Helena City Council discussed the concerns and endorsed the following safety improvements to the Pratt Avenue and Silverado Trail intersection:

- Restrict left-turn movements onto Pratt Avenue from Silverado Trail
- Restrict left-turn movements onto Silverado Trail from Pratt Avenue
- Install flashing beacons on Silverado Trail in advance of the Pratt Avenue intersection with "Watch for Entering Traffic", "Intersection Ahead" or equivalent sign language
- Restrict truck traffic on the Pratt Avenue Bridge to vehicles less than 7.5' wide or over twenty-four (24) feet long similar to the City's Municipal Code Ordinance on the Pope Street Bridge

The City's jurisdiction on traffic calming measures generally ends on the western span of the bridge therefore the City is formally requesting that the County of Napa consider the implementation of the above safety improvements prior to the re-opening of Pratt Avenue in the best interest and continued safety of our community and for those who visit and do business in the Napa Valley.

In addition to the above, the City will be installing radar speed limit feedback signs in both directions on Pratt Avenue as well reduced lane width striping to support traffic calming along this stretch of road.

If the County Board of Supervisors approves of the proposed safety improvements, the City will continue to coordinate with the County as well as purchase and install additional regulatory warning signage within City limits on Pratt Avenue to alert eastbound motorists on their approach to Silverado Trail. The pending change in road conditions would also be preempted with a press release and flashing warning signage on the City's portable trailer for up to two weeks.

Should you require further information, please call or email me at (707) 968-2629.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works/City Engineer
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cc: Geoff Ellsworth, Mayor, gellsworth@cityofsthelena.org
Mark Prestwich, City Manager, mprestwich@cityofsthelena.org

St. Helena City Council and Mayor

June 2, 2019

Subject: Pratt Avenue Bridge

The county's proposal to fix the county highway at the Pratt Ave. bridge is going to continue to cause accidents and take lives. The county needs to ban left-hand turns on to the Pratt Ave. bridge coming from the south on the Silverado Trail. The city of St. Helena needs to ban left-hand turns off the Pratt Ave. bridge on to the Silverado Trail going north. Cars and trucks going north on the Silverado Trail, coming around the turnoff to Madrone Knoll have no time to stop for a vehicle turning left on the Pratt Ave. bridge. There is no turning lane and even if there was, accidents would occur. (Check the accident reports over the last ten-years at this location.) On more than one occasion my friend Mike Griffin and I have had to back big rigs off the bridge who tried to turn left onto the bridge. Once it was a truck and trailer full of gasoline. We had to close the Silverado Trail to get him off the bridge.

County Supervisor Diane Dillon, when she was running for re-election at the debate forum at Napa Valley College told the audience "we would have input into the repair of the Silverado Trail at the Pratt Ave. bridge". Then, months ago, a representative from the county came to St. Helena City Council for an update. Same story, "we will have input when the time comes". On May 28th representatives from the Napa County Public Works Department came to our city council meeting to tell us how they were going to fix the Pratt Ave. intersection. Currently, the public has not had the opportunity to provide any input. The mayor of St. Helena did not allow any public input on this matter. Instead, he told me to write a letter, which I am doing. This project is a suicide project. This bridge should also have the load limits the same as the Pope Street bridge, "No Large Trucks".

From the Pratt Ave. bridge north onto Silverado Trail, it is just as bad. If you are not quick enough to avoid the north and south bound traffic, you

are in trouble. My wife would go down to the bridge when it was open and cut down the brush on the north side of the bridge so she could see. The county does not keep this line of sight clear. It is just too dangerous to make a left hand turn off the bridge. The problem is, the bridge is not perpendicular to the Silverado Trail.

If the county and the City of St. Helena do not remedy this situation before construction I will be the first person to give this the letter to the next accident victim that occurs at this location. And, they can take legal action against the city and county because they have been given notification of this dangerous situation.

Anthony M. Micheli

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cc. Napa County Board of Supervisors,
Diane Dillion (Third District Supervisor),
Steve Lederer (Co. Public Works Director),
Erica Ahmanan Smithies, (St. Helena Public Works Director).
mark Prestwich (St. Helena City Manager)