

City of Sacramento

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RE: T St. Traffic Flow between 34th St. and Stockton Blvd.

Last week, a city contractor removed the road-striping on T St. between 34th St. and Stockton Blvd. in order to apply a tar treatment to the road. Since the street has to be restriped, this is a good opportunity to stripe it so the street better serves the residents who live on it.

Problem

A majority of cars traveling on Highway 50 take the 34th St exit and use T St. to get to Stockton Blvd. This is their path of travel. At the exit, they take a left hand turn onto 34th St. The drivers turn right onto T St. which is a two lanes wide where it goes under Hwy 50 (Note "A" on map). As the drivers proceed eastbound on T St., the street goes from one lane to two lanes in only approximately fifty feet of travel distance. (Note "B" on map). What the drivers often end up doing, is rather than merging into the one lane, they drive through the bicycle lane up to where they turn right onto Stockton Blvd. This creates a hazard for cyclists. In addition, a large volume of cars use T St. as their express route to Stockton Blvd. T St. which is bordered on both sides by houses. The volume of cars, plus the street design currently detracts from residential living quality.

Possible Solutions

1. Put in a mandatory left turn lane at 35th St. and T St. for channeling the cars to Stockton Blvd.
2. Convert the two lanes at (Note "A") into one lane
3. Put in a half street closure so cars use 35th St. to get to Stockton Blvd.

Benefits

Reducing the traffic flow on T St. or changing the striping design to better channel traffic will help build a sense of community. Provides incentive to build on the three residential lots which lie vacant on the north side of T St. in this section.

Sincerely,



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US 50 → Tahoe

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Stackton Blvd

T St

Gerber

36th St

35th St

34th St Exit

T St

34th

CAL TRANS

Cal Trans

Auto Shop

Vacant Lot
House

35

(B)

(A)

(C)

