



Centerline Striping of Residential Streets

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The City of Escondido does not paint center lines in residential areas for the following reasons:

- Traffic signing and striping plans are required for all streets that are 64-foot wide, (curb-to-curb) or wider. Most residential streets are 40-foot wide, not the required 64 foot wide, curb-to-curb.
- The mandatory requirement for a painted centerline is at least 4,000 vehicles trips per day. Most residential streets do not meet this requirement.
- Citizens view a double yellow line as a "major roadway" and studies have shown that with lane separation striping, vehicle speeds actually increase.

Several neighborhood benefits can be achieved by not having center lines:

- The road isn't identified as a bypass route
- Creates the appearance of a minor residential roadway
- Allows motorists to drive towards the center of the roadway
- Reduces the potential for "hit-parked-vehicle" type collisions, thereby encouraging residents to park on the roadway and not on the sidewalk
- Typically reduces motorist speeds by eliminating clearly defined travel lanes, creating a "shared roadway"

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