



Office of the City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING
November 18, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works

Subject: Extend Residential Preferential Parking Permit Program on Four Streets

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Sections 25E and 25L of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend Residential Preferential Permit Parking on four (4) streets.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding of \$3,341 is available in the FY 2015 budget in the General Fund (Fund 010).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In conformance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050(A)(1), residents submitted the qualifying number of signatures (exceeding 51%) on petitions to “opt-in” to the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the street sections listed below. These blocks are included in the existing residential Study Area boundaries covered by the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the City Council in September 1988, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

1. Rose Street: currently there is RPP control on the south side of Rose Street between Bonita Avenue and Milvia Street. A petition was received from the north side of the street.
2. College Avenue: currently there is RPP control on the west side of College Avenue between Webster Street and Prince Street. A petition was received from the east side of the street.
3. Claremont Avenue: currently there is no RPP control on either side of Claremont Avenue between Eton Avenue and the Oakland City Limit. A petition was received from both sides of the street.
4. Alcatraz Avenue; currently there is no RPP control an Alcatraz Avenue between College Avenue and Claremont Avenue. A petition was received from both sides of the street.

Staff verified that at least 51% of the residential addresses signed the petition to “opt-in” to the RPP Program, and 75% of the curb spaces were occupied during mid-morning and mid-afternoon observation periods at all locations.

The addition of one side of 2 blocks (Rose and College) and both sides of 2 blocks (Claremont and Alcatraz) to the existing RPP Areas E and L will have a minimal impact to enforcement capabilities. However, each RPP addition tends to result in slightly diminished enforcement for all existing permit areas.

BACKGROUND

Expansion of the RPP Program was approved by the City Council in February 1989, after certifying the associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The analysis was done for a Study Area as shown on Attachment 3, and 14 RPP areas (A-N) have been designated to date. While permit parking has been established for the majority of blocks within the EIR study area, there are approximately 300 blocks that do not, as yet, have permit parking restrictions.

The RPP Program allows for residents to petition the City to “opt-in” or “opt-out” of the Program. The process requires submittal of a petition containing the names of residents from at least 51% of the dwellings with addresses along the affected block, and a parking survey of the blocks showing that 75% of the available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods. In addition, the block petitioning to opt-in should be included in the existing residential Study Area boundaries covered by the EIR certified by the Council in September 1988, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The expansion of the RPP program to include these blocks may have a minor environmental effect. Vehicles driven by commuters who are searching for parking or moving their cars to a new location after the 2-hour limit has expired will likely generate a small increase in greenhouse gasses.

However, incremental expansion of the RPP program may have a positive environmental effect by making alternative transportation options more attractive. A modal shift by commuters to walking, bicycling, public transportation or carpooling would lead to a small decrease in greenhouse gasses.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Since residents from over 51% of households in the blocks in question have signed a petition and parking surveys show over 75% occupancy, these blocks meet the requirements set forth by the BMC for inclusion into the RPP Program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could leave these streets with unrestricted parking. However, in the past, Council has routinely approved the “opting in” of blocks where the requisite number of

households has signed a petition requesting RPP control, and where the parking utilization exceeds 75%.

CONTACT PERSON

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Matthew Cotterill, Traffic Engineering Assistant, Public Works, 981-6433

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Public Hearing Notice
3. Maps of Residential Permit Parking Zones

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM ON TWO STREETS

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050.A.1, Designation of a Residential Permit Parking Area, allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the program and requires submittal of a petition containing the signatures of residents from at least 51% of the dwellings; and

WHEREAS, residents of at least 51% of the dwellings on the following blocks have petitioned to "opt-in" to Residential Permit Parking:

1. the north side of Rose Street between Bonita Avenue and Milvia Street;
2. the east side of College Avenue between Webster Street and Prince Street;
3. both sides of Claremont Avenue between Eton and the Oakland City Limit;
4. both sides of Alcatraz Avenue between College Avenue and Claremont Avenue;

and City staff concurs; and

WHEREAS, staff has conducted field observations to determine that at least 75% of the available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods; and

WHEREAS, the designation of these blocks as a residential permit parking area will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing in the area designated; and

WHEREAS, the \$3,341 implementation cost is available in the FY 2015 General Fund (Fund 010) for Transportation Traffic Maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following subsections of Section 25 of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. are hereby added to read as follows:

Section 25E ROSE STREET, north side, between Bonita Avenue and Milvia Street

Section 25L COLLEGE AVENUE, east side, between Webster Street and Prince Street

Section 25L CLAREMONT AVENUE, both sides between Eton Avenue and the Oakland City Limit

Section 25L ALCATRAZ AVENUE, both sides between College Avenue and Claremont Avenue

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2134 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY
EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Public Works Department is proposing to conduct a public hearing and, if recommendations are approved, adopt a Resolution amending Sections 25E and 25L of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend residential permit parking on the north side of Rose Street between Bonita Avenue and Milvia Street, the east side of College Avenue between Webster Street and Prince Street, both sides of Claremont Avenue between Eton and the Oakland City Limit, and both sides of Alcatraz Avenue between College Avenue and Claremont Avenue.

The Residential Permit Parking Program allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the Program. Complying with the requirements, residents of the blocks now being considered for opting into the Residential Permit Parking Program have submitted the qualifying signatures on petitions and also have at least 75% of the curb spaces occupied during the morning and mid-afternoon observation periods. Adding blocks within the existing residential study area boundaries through evaluations by an EIR study certified on September 27, 1988, and in accordance with California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, are categorically exempt as defined by Section 15.162(c).

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at www.CityofBerkeley.info as of November 6, 2014.

For further information, please contact **Matthew Cotterill, Traffic Engineering Assistant** at (510) 981-6433.

Written comments should be mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet.

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Posted: November 6, 2014

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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on November 6, 2014.

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Mark Numainville, CMC, City Clerk

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# ATTACHMENT 3



## PARCELS OPTING IN



This map is for reference purposes only. Care was taken in the creation of this map, but it is provided "AS IS". Please contact the City of Berkeley to verify map information or to report any errors.

September 29th, 2014

