

**CITY OF LONG BEACH****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.04, Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks, to prohibit work or obstruction in the public rights-of-way during peak traffic hours. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach (City) is experiencing a significant increase of construction in the public rights-of-way (ROW) resulting in contractors violating the Peak Hour Directive set forward by the City Engineer (Exhibit A). The Peak Hour Directive seeks to minimize impacts to traffic flow by prohibiting work or obstructions in the ROW during peak traffic hours (6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.). Currently, some contractors disregard the Peak Hour Directive with minimal consequences. The proposed Ordinance would amend the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) to include the requirements of the Peak Hour Directive, which would allow staff to write administrative citations to entities who fail to comply.

The proposed Ordinance would prohibit work or obstructions in the ROW during peak traffic hours. Under the proposed Ordinance, no person or entity shall affect a "Traffic Lane Closure," perform work within or on any public street or right-of-way or in any manner obstruct a public street or right-of-way on those "Street Classifications Subject to Work Hour Restrictions" during "Peak Traffic Hours." Exemptions to the Ordinance include emergency work and work associated with a traffic plan approved by the City Engineer.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on April 26, 2018 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa Jose-Murray on April 24, 2018.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

No budget adjustment is necessary for this recommendation. Revenue will be realized in conjunction with written citations issued to violators.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

ATTACHMENTS: A - PEAK HOUR DIRECTIVE



Date: February 13, 2018
To: Department of Public Works
From: Eric Widstrand, City Traffic Engineer
Subject: **STANDARD PRACTICE for TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN:**

- Standard Traffic Control requirements shall be attached to all permit applications involving construction on public right-of way, including sidewalks.
- No Construction or lane closure are allowed during peak period hours (6:00 am-8:30 am and 3:30 pm-6:30 pm) on all non-local streets.
- Traffic Control Plan with wet seal and signature by a professional Civil or Traffic Engineer must be submitted for review and approval on all street listed below:

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| 1. Alamitos Ave | 22. Palo Verde Ave. |
| 2. Anaheim St. | 23. Pine Ave. |
| 3. Artesia Blvd. | 24. Redondo Ave. |
| 4. Atherton St. | 25. Santa Fe Ave. |
| 5. Atlantic Ave. | 26. Shoreline Dr. |
| 6. Bellflower Blvd. | 27. South St. |
| 7. Bloomfield Ave. | 28. Spring St. |
| 8. Broadway | 29. Studebaker Rd. |
| 9. Carson St. | 30. Wardlow Rd. |
| 10. Cherry Ave. | 31. Willow St. |
| 11. Clark Ave. | 32. 2 nd St. (Livingston Dr. to East City Limit) |
| 12. Del Amo Blvd. | 33. 3 rd St. (710 Fwy Off-Ramp to Alamitos Ave.) |
| 13. Harbor Scenic Dr. | 34. 4 th St. (Alamitos Ave. to Appian Way) |
| 14. Lakewood Blvd. | 35. 6 th St. (710 Fwy Off-Ramp to Alamitos Ave.) |
| 15. Long Beach Blvd. | 36. 7 th St. |
| 16. Los Coyotes Diagonal | 37. 10 th St. (Magnolia Ave. to Federation Dr.) |
| 17. Magnolia Ave. | |
| 18. Norwalk Blvd. | |
| 19. Ocean Blvd. | |
| 20. Paramount Blvd. | |
| 21. Pacific Ave. | |

In addition, traffic control on streets within a school zone on school days.

- If working area is within a State Highway or Freeway on/off ramp intersections, the applicant must obtain a permit from California Transportation.
- If working area is within a school zone, the applicant must notify Paul Baily, Transportation Director of Long Beach Unified School District at (562) 426-6176, 48 hours prior to start of work.

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- If working area is within a pedestrian school crossing, the applicant must notify Cathy Medina, Long Beach Police Department, Field Service Division Crossing Guard Supervisor at (562) 570-7240, 48 hours prior to start of work.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Transportation Mobility Bureau at (562) 570-6331.

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