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March 22, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive supporting documentation, including the petitions, into the record, conclude the public hearing, and request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code, to establish Preferential Parking District "L" as recommended by the City Traffic Engineer. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

Residents of the 1600-1700 blocks of Petaluma Avenue have requested the establishment of a new preferential parking district to include the east side of Petaluma Avenue between Driscoll Street and Atherton Street. Based on a review of this request, staff is proposing to establish a new preferential parking district to include this segment of Petaluma Avenue. The residents have requested a parking restriction in the new preferential parking district on the east side of the affected street segment from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. The affected street segment is highlighted on the vicinity map, included as Attachment A.

Section 10.32.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code states that the City Council shall determine if an area is to be designated for preferential parking based upon the following criteria:

- 75 percent of the legal on-street parking spaces must be occupied by motor vehicles during the period proposed for parking restrictions.
- 50 percent of the vehicles parked on the streets during the period proposed for parking restrictions must be commuter vehicles.
- The district, alone or in combination with other existing or potential preferential parking districts, constitutes a reasonably self-contained area of parking demand and supply.

A parking field survey of Petaluma Avenue between Driscoll Street and Atherton Street

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A parking field survey of Petaluma Avenue between Driscoll Street and Atherton Street conducted by the Traffic and Transportation Bureau in April 2004 indicated that 100 percent of the on-street parking spaces were occupied at the time of the survey. In addition, 83 percent of the vehicles parked on this portion of Petaluma Avenue were not registered to residents of the neighborhood.

Section 10.32.020.C.2 of the Long Beach Municipal Code states that the City Traffic Engineer "shall make the determination of a reasonably self-contained area, utilizing boundaries such as major streets, nonresidential land uses, edges of higher or lower density residential areas, water bodies and other natural features; and utilizing surveys of existing conditions to determine extent of area impacted by nonresidential parking." The City Traffic Engineer has determined a reasonably self-contained area of parking demand and supply.

Attachment B is a copy of the petition submitted by the residents on the east side of the 1600-1700 blocks of Petaluma Avenue, formally requesting the establishment of a preferential parking district and a one-hour parking restriction, except by permit, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A review of the petition revealed that 92 percent of the residents on these street blocks of Petaluma Avenue support the establishment of the preferential parking district and proposed parking restriction.

Contingent upon City Council approval, it is recommended that the City Attorney be requested to prepare the following modification to Section 10.32.110 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to read as follows:

"District L: The east side of Petaluma Avenue between Driscoll Street and Atherton Street."

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on February 23, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on March 9, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of materials and installation for the preferential parking controls is estimated at \$500. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support this activity.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

APPROVED:



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