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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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November 6, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code, Subsection 10.38.090 (C) to extend the hours of closing California Avenue between Bixby Road and Armando Drive to 7:00 pm. (District 8)

DISCUSSION

California Vehicle Code Section 21102 permits local authorities to close to vehicular traffic a portion of a street that crosses or divides any school ground when the legislative body finds such closing necessary for the protection of persons attending the school.

To discourage traffic cut-through and speeding, which endangers pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Longfellow Elementary School, the segment of California Avenue between Bixby Road and Armando Drive has been closed to traffic between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday for many years (Attachment 1). The affected street segment is highlighted on the attached vicinity map (Attachment 2).

The local community and the Long Beach Unified School District have expressed interest in an extension of the current closure period to 7:00 PM to protect students and staff engaged in after school activities, by deterring cut-through traffic during the afternoon/evening peak commute hours (Attachment 3).

The City Traffic Engineer has determined that the requested time extension will enhance school safety and reduce cut-through traffic for residents of California Avenue, and recommends approval of the proposed change, which will become effective upon the posting of appropriate signs, as required by the Vehicle Code.

The Fire Department has also reviewed this matter and concurs with the proposed time extension of the closure. Upon approval by the City Council, it is recommended that the City Attorney amend the Long Beach Municipal Code Subsection 10.38.090 (C) to read:

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"California Avenue, between Bixby Road and Armando Drive, is closed to vehicular traffic Monday through Friday, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. and seven o'clock (7:00) P.M."

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Burton on October 22, 2007 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 11, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time-critical.

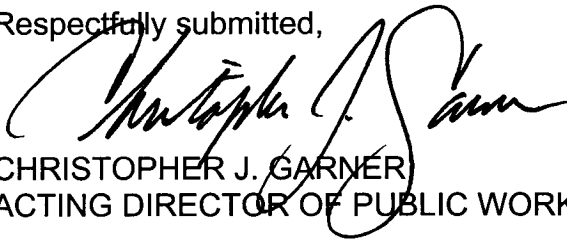
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost involved on the proposed change.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER
ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

CG:HR:td
P:Clt.FY07-08 California Avenue closing hours

Attachments

APPROVED:

for 
PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

10.38.080 Walks closed to vehicles.

No operator of any motor vehicle, except a sightseeing tram operating in such public streets or ways pursuant to a permit or franchise granted by the city therefor, shall drive, stand or park such vehicle within or upon the public streets, ways or portions thereof, specified under this section, between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight of each day; provided, however, that the crossing of such portions of such public streets or ways at regular intersections thereof, between such hours, shall not be deemed to be a violation of this section:

A. Seaside Way, between the easterly line of Chestnut Place and the westerly line of Cedar Walk;

B. The Walk of a Thousand Lights;

C. Cedar Walk. (Ord. C-5436 § 1, 1978; Ord. C-5280 § 1, 1977; prior code § 3410.63).

10.38.090 Streets closed to vehicles.

A. No operator of any motor vehicle, except a sightseeing tram operating in such portion of Seaside Boulevard pursuant to a permit or franchise granted by the city therefor, shall drive, stand, or park such vehicle within or upon that portion of Seaside Boulevard between the westerly line of Magnolia Avenue and the easterly line of the Los Angeles River flood control channel.

B. Maple Way, between Olive Avenue and Alamitos Avenue, is closed to vehicular traffic. No person shall operate any such vehicle upon such thoroughfare.

C. California Avenue, between Bixby Road and Armando Drive, is closed to vehicular traffic Monday through Friday, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. and four thirty o'clock (4:30) P.M.

D. Repealed.

E. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on First Street between Pacific Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00)

P.M., except for the following: (1) buses may use this portion of First Street at all times, (2) commercial vehicles specifically serving the businesses located along the south side of First Street between Pine Avenue and The Promenade North may traverse that portion of First Street between Pine Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) P.M. to six o'clock (6:00) A.M. and between the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. to four o'clock (4:00) P.M., and (3) any vehicle may drive upon the portion of First Street between Pacific Avenue and Pine Avenue when to do so is necessary to gain access to any private property vehicularly accessible only from that portion of First Street.

F. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the Promenade North and The Promenade South between Seaside Way and Third Street, with the following exceptions:

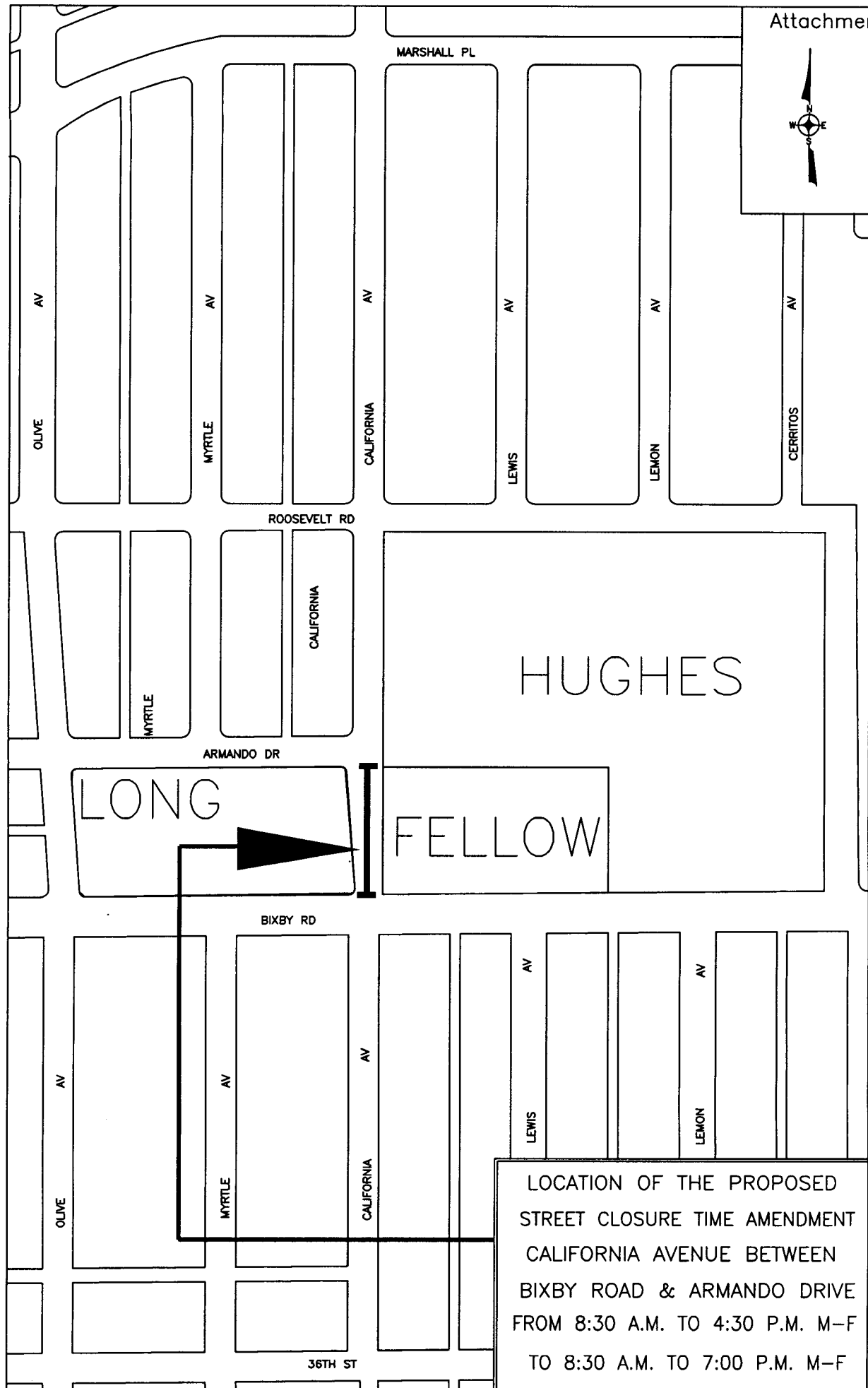
1. Vehicles of three (3) axles or less may traverse and stop upon such right-of-way between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. and nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. for the purpose of undertaking commercial loading or unloading activities.

2. Passenger carrying tram vehicles operated by the Long Beach Public Transportation Company may operate upon such right-of-way at any time.

G. First Street and Second Street between Cherry Avenue and Junipero Avenue is closed to through vehicular traffic between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. and five o'clock (5:00) A.M. (Ord. C-7816 § 1, 2002; Ord. C-6636 § 1, 1989; Ord. C-6592 § 1, 1989; Ord. C-6543 § 1, 1988; Ord. C-6372 § 1, 1987; Ord. C-6337 § 1, 1987; Ord. C-6190 § 1, 1985; Ord. C-6074 § 1, 1984; Ord. C-5942 § 1, 1983; Ord. C-5809 § 1, 1982; Ord. C-5782 § 2, 1981; prior code § 3410.64).

10.38.100 Seasonal street closures.

A. It is found and determined that the public safety and general welfare require the closing to vehicular traffic of those portions of the



LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED
STREET CLOSURE TIME AMENDMENT
CALIFORNIA AVENUE BETWEEN
BIXBY ROAD & ARMANDO DRIVE
FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. M-F
TO 8:30 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. M-F



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Subject: Re: Extending hours of street closure at Longfellow

Dave Roseman
City Traffic Engineer

Dave,

Per the request of Longfellow Elementary School and several area residents, we are requesting the currently permitted closure of California Avenue be extended to a later time of day. The closure is between Bixby Road and Armando Drive. The current ending hour is 4:30 pm. We are requesting that time to be extended to 7:00 pm. This would enable full use of the playground area by students participating in both District sponsored and permitted after school programs.

As the District staff closes and opens the street, the only expense to the City would be changing the hours on the two closure signs.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please respond directly to me.

pbb

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