



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

September 5, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Section 10.14.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, modifying section "A", subsection 15 to read:

"15. (Westbound) West Fifty-First Street, between a point three hundred feet (300') west of Long Beach Boulevard and Pacific Avenue" (District 8)

### DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Unified School District is in the process of constructing a new school on the old Dooley's Hardware site on the west side of Long Beach Boulevard north of Del Amo Boulevard. This new school, which is scheduled to open in January 2007, will necessitate modifications to the existing traffic circulation pattern in the area. Currently, 51<sup>st</sup> Street is a one-way westbound roadway between Long Beach Boulevard and Pacific Avenue.

An investigation conducted by the City Traffic Engineer concluded that conversion of 51<sup>st</sup> Street to a two-way traffic operation between Long Beach Boulevard and the newly converted north-south public alley located 300 feet west of Long Beach Boulevard to the west of the school campus, would enhance school traffic circulation in the area. Furthermore, the proposed two-way conversion for this segment of 51<sup>st</sup> Street would be consistent with previous traffic studies and engineering reviews conducted by the Long Beach Unified School District for the new school project.

The Police Department, Fire Department, and the Environmental Services Bureau of Public Works have reviewed this proposal and have no objections.

The attached map highlights the location of the proposed two-way operation.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on August 7, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 8, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of labor and materials for the installation of traffic controls in order to implement the proposed two-way operation is estimated at \$750. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support this activity.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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Attachment