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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

Subject:

Hearing on Establishment of Preferential Parking District N (District 3)

DISCUSSION

Residents of the Park Estates neighborhood residing in the vicinity of Brooks College have requested the establishment of a new preferential parking district to include Greenbrier Road between the east-west alley located north of Anaheim Road and El Roble Street. Based on a review of this request, staff is proposing to establish a new preferential parking district to include these street segments of Greenbrier Road, as well as four additional street segments. The residents have requested parking restrictions in this new preferential parking district on the affected street segments from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except holidays. The affected street segments are 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 Greenbrier Road between the alley north of Anaheim Road and El Roble Street conducted by the Traffic and Transportation Bureau in December 2003 indicated that 84 percent of the on-street parking spaces were occupied at the time of the survey. In addition, 70 percent of the vehicles parked on this portion of Greenbrier Road were not registered to residents of the neighborhood.

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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 and is recommending the implementation of larger district boundaries than initially requested by the residents in Park Estates.

Attachment B is a copy of the petition submitted by the residents on the 1400-1500 blocks of Greenbrier Road, formally requesting the establishment of a preferential parking district and a one-hour parking restriction, except by permit, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except holidays. A review of the petition revealed that 100 percent of the residents on these street blocks of Greenbrier Road support the establishment of the preferential parking district and proposed parking restriction.

The City Traffic Engineer has notified each of the 123 properties within the proposed extended boundaries of Preferential Parking District "N" by mail to obtain feedback on the proposal from the neighborhood. Attachment C summarizes comments received from the residents. Of the 123 notifications mailed out to the properties located within the proposed extended area, 15 constituents responded in support of the proposal, while two constituents responded in opposition to the proposal.

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 N: Greenbrier Road between the east-west alley located north of Anaheim Road and El Cedral Street, El Cedral Street between Greenbrier Road and Elmfield Avenue, El Roble Street between Greenbrier Road and El Prado Avenue, Los Flores Street between Greenbrier Road and El Prado Avenue and Vista Hermosa Street between Greenbrier Road and El Prado Avenue."

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Carol Shaw on June 18, 2004, and David Wodynski, Budget Management Officer, on June 23, 2004. In addition, a categorical exemption was obtained for this action from the City's Environmental Planning Officer on June 23, 2004.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on July 6, 2004, to facilitate the residents' desire to have the restrictions in place by mid-August.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of materials and installation for the preferential parking controls is estimated at \$5,500. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project PWT300 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support this activity.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

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 "N" as recommended by the City Traffic Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

APPROVED:

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