



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the conversion of 55th Street and Louise Street between Linden Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard to one-way streets;

Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to section 10.14.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, adding a new subsection to read "(Westbound) 55th Street between Linden Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, (Eastbound) Louise Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Linden Avenue." (District 8)

DISCUSSION

In 2006, the Public Works Department and the Redevelopment Agency jointly conducted a traffic and parking study of the neighborhood west of Atlantic Avenue, north of Market Street, east of Long Beach Boulevard, and south of South Street. The study effort included a number of workshops with businesses and residents of the area. The goal of the study was to develop neighborhood traffic and parking, improve access and circulation, calm traffic, add parking, and enhance safety. Over the past few years in the same area, we have installed new stop controls, converted streets to one-ways, and built traffic signals. The most important traffic control change completed as part of this study was the conversion of 56th Street and Ellis Street to one-way traffic operation between Linden Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard.

The development of the one-way street couplet on 56th Streets and Ellis Streets, and the streetscape improvements along Atlantic Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, have facilitated the removal of blight, as well as helped create a safer, more cohesive, and economically dynamic neighborhood. Based on this success, the City Traffic Engineer is proposing to extend the one-way street grid by adding 55th Street and Louise Streets, between Linden Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard. These enhancements will improve and calm traffic flow, improve neighborhood access and circulation, and provide additional parking spaces. The proposed one-way conversion is illustrated on the attachment.

On November 12, 2013, the Traffic Engineering Division mailed notices containing the proposed conversion to one-way street, to all properties on the affected streets segments. In general, the opinions expressed by residents responding to the mailer, have been in support of the proposal.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy Webber on May 1, 2014 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on May 8, 2014.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of labor and materials for the installation of the traffic controls, in order to implement the proposed one-way traffic operation, is estimated at \$10,000. Sufficient funds to cover these costs are budgeted in the General Fund (GP) in the Public Works Department (PW).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

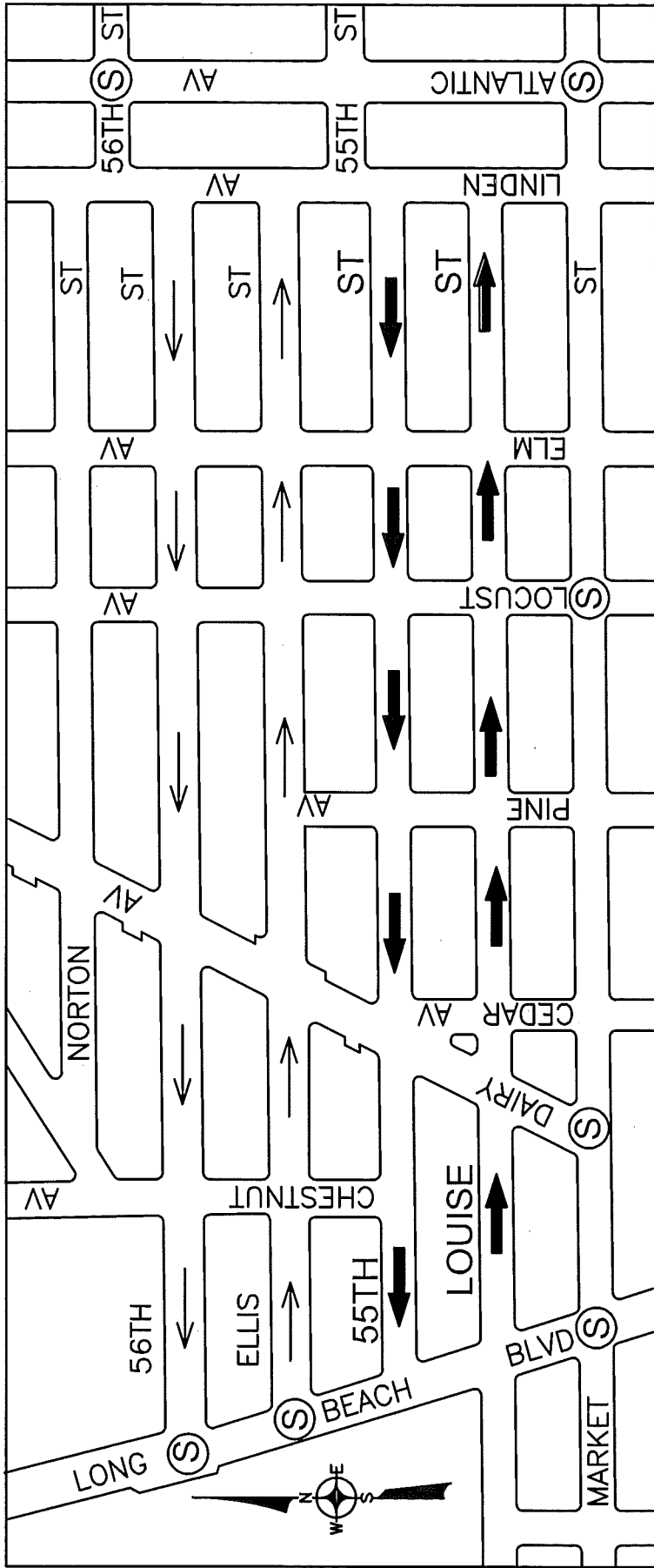
APPROVED:






PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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Attachment – Vicinity map



LEGEND

-  PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC OPERATION WITH PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET
-  EXISTING ONE-WAY TRAFFIC OPERATION WITH PARKING ON BOTH STREET SIDES
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Traffic Enhancement Plan

(Not to Scale)