



Office of the City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING
May 12, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
 Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works
 Subject: Extend Residential Preferential Parking Permit Program on Two Streets

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Sections 25C and 25M of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend Residential Preferential Permit Parking on two streets.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding of \$2,944 is available in the FY 2015 budget General Fund (Fund 010) for Transportation Traffic Maintenance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In conformance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050(A)(1), residents submitted the qualifying number of signatures (exceeding 51%) on petitions to “opt-in” to the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the street sections listed below. These blocks are included in the existing residential Study Area boundaries covered by the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the City Council in September 1988, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

1. Sacramento Street: currently there is no RPP control on either side of Sacramento Street between Addison Street and Allston Way. A petition was received from the east side of the street.
2. Essex Street: currently there is no RPP control on the either side of Essex Street between Shattuck Avenue and Wheeler Street. A petition was received from both sides of the street.

Staff verified that at least 51% of the residential addresses signed the petition to “opt-in” to the RPP Program, and 75% of the curb spaces were occupied during mid-morning and mid-afternoon observation periods at all locations.

The addition of one side of one block (Sacramento) and both sides of one block (Essex) to the existing RPP Areas C and M will have a minimal impact to enforcement capabilities. However, each RPP addition tends to result in slightly diminished enforcement for all existing permit areas.

BACKGROUND

Expansion of the RPP Program was approved by the City Council in February 1989, after certifying the associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The analysis was done for a Study Area as shown on Attachment 3, and 14 RPP areas (A-N) have been designated to date. While permit parking has been established for the majority of blocks within the EIR study area, there are approximately 300 blocks that do not, as yet, have permit parking restrictions.

The RPP Program allows for residents to petition the City to “opt-in” or “opt-out” of the Program. The process requires submittal of a petition containing the names of residents from at least 51% of the dwellings with addresses along the affected block, and a parking survey of the blocks showing that 75% of the available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods. In addition, the block petitioning to opt-in should be included in the existing residential Study Area boundaries covered by the EIR certified by the Council in September 1988, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The expansion of the RPP program to include these blocks will require a change in behavior of commuters currently parking there. These commuters will need to either park farther away, move their cars every 2 hours, or change to an alternative mode of transportation. While the exact numbers associated with each of these behavioral changes are hard to predict, a modal shift by some commuters to walking, bicycling, public transportation, or carpooling would lead to a small decrease in criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Since residents from over 51% of households in the blocks in question have signed a petition and parking surveys show over 75% occupancy, these blocks meet the requirements set forth by the BMC for inclusion into the RPP Program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could leave these streets with unrestricted parking. However, in the past, Council has routinely approved the “opting in” of blocks where the requisite number of households has signed a petition requesting RPP control, and where the parking utilization exceeds 75%.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Public Hearing Notice
3. Map of Residential Permit Parking Zones

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM ON TWO STREETS

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050.A.1, Designation of a Residential Permit Parking Area, allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the program and requires submittal of a petition containing the signatures of residents from at least 51% of the dwellings; and

WHEREAS, residents of at least 51% of the dwellings on the following blocks have petitioned to "opt-in" to Residential Permit Parking:

1. the east side of Sacramento Street between Addison Street and Allston Way; both sides of Essex Street between Shattuck Avenue and Wheeler Street; and City staff concurs; and

WHEREAS, staff has conducted field observations to determine that at least 75% of the available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods; and

WHEREAS, the designation of these blocks as a residential permit parking area will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing in the area designated; and

WHEREAS, the \$2,944 implementation cost is available in the FY 2015 budget General Fund (Fund 010) for Transportation Traffic Maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following subsections of Section 25 of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. are hereby added to read as follows:

Section 25C SACRAMENTO STREET, east side, between Addison Street and Allston Way

Section 25M ESSEX STREET, both sides, between Shattuck Avenue and Wheeler Street

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2134 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY
EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Public Works Department is proposing to conduct a public hearing and, if recommendations are approved, adopt a Resolution amending Sections 25C and 25M of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend residential permit parking on the east side of Sacramento between Addison Street and Allston Way and on both sides of Essex Street between Shattuck Avenue and Wheeler Street.

The Residential Permit Parking Program allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the Program. Complying with the requirements, residents of the blocks now being considered for opting into the Residential Permit Parking Program have submitted the qualifying signatures on petitions and also have at least 75% of the curb spaces occupied during the morning and mid-afternoon observation periods. Adding blocks within the existing residential study area boundaries through evaluations by an EIR study certified on September 27, 1988, and in accordance with California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, are categorically exempt as defined by Section 15.162(c).

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at www.CityofBerkeley.info as of **April 30, 2015**.

For further information, please contact **Matthew Cotterill, Traffic Engineering Assistant** at (510) 981-6433.

Written comments should be mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet.

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Posted: April 30, 2015
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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on April 30, 2015.

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Mark Numainville, CMC, City Clerk

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# ATTACHMENT 3



 PARCELS OPTING IN  
 RPP Area Boundary

This map is for reference purposes only.  
Care was taken in the creation of this map, but it is provided "AS IS". Please contact the City of Berkeley to verify map information or to report any errors.  
March 19th, 2015



