



City of Arts & Innovation

Transportation Board

TO: TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2015

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN PARKING RATE AND HOUR SCHEDULE TO ALLOW FOR MONTHLY PERMIT PARKING IN GARAGE 6 AND LOT 27

ISSUE:

The issue for Transportation Board consideration is an amendment to the Downtown Parking Rate and Hour Schedule to allow for monthly permit parking in Garage 6 (3901 Orange Street) and Lot 27 (3482 Mission Inn Avenue).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transportation Board recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution to amend the Downtown Parking Rate and Hour Schedule to allow for monthly permit parking in Garage 6 and Lot 27.

BACKGROUND:

The demand for monthly permit parking in the downtown area has been increasing resulting in a waitlist for permits in Garages 1 and 2. The Public Works Department has identified Garage 6 and Lot 27 as being underutilized and could accommodate monthly permit parkers.

The County of Riverside owns 400 spaces in Garage 6 and leases 150 of these spaces to the City for employee parking. Since the County doesn't fully use the remaining 250 spaces, Public Works inquired if the County would be willing to lease an additional 50 County owned spaces to the City. These spaces will be used to accommodate the people on the waitlist for Garages 1 and 2. The County has agreed to lease an additional 50 spaces to the City under the terms of the existing MOU. Under the MOU, the City pays the County Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per space per month and the maintenance costs associated with these spaces. In addition, County and Public Works Department staff are proposing that the expiration date of the MOU be extended from June 1, 2017 to June 1, 2020. Extending the contract will secure employee parking for City employees and provide additional public permit parking through 2020.

Lot 27 has also been identified as an appropriate location to add monthly permit parking. Monthly permit parking was previously provided in this lot until 2013 when it was removed to accommodate visitor parking when Lot 30, previously located at the corner of University Avenue and Lime Street, was closed for the construction of the new Downtown Fire Station. Upon reviewing the lots daily usage, it was found that daily parkers are only using 3% of the lot

on any given day. It is recommended that monthly permit parking once again be allowed in Lot 27 in order to better utilize the available space and maximize revenue potential.

To implement the changes in Garage 6 and Lot 27, it is recommended that the Downtown Parking Rate and Hour Schedule be amended to allow monthly permit parking.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for extending the contract from June 1, 2017 to June 1, 2020 for the original 150 City employee parking spaces is \$135,000. The cost of the employee parking is paid by the Parking Fund which is reimbursed through the annual budget by the various Departments which utilize this parking for their employees.

The cost for the additional 50 spaces through June 1, 2020 is \$68,750. After taking into account estimated maintenance costs, the net revenue generated through the sale of monthly permit parking to the public, (\$60 per space per month) is estimated to be \$68,000.

There is no additional cost for monthly parking permits in Lot 27. It is anticipated that this lot will generate approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually in monthly parking permits.

The additional revenue from Garage 6 and Lot 27 will help to fund the overall parking program. Both the lease cost and revenues will be budgeted annually.

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