



City of Arts & Innovation

Transportation Board

TO: TRANSPORTATION BOARD **DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARD: 1**

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PARKING CONSIDERATION FOR THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION - SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF SURROUNDING 90-MINUTE TIME LIMIT AND PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES, PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, AND PREPAY METERED PARKING THROUGH MARCH 2022

ISSUE:

Authorization to extend a temporary parking consideration for the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) to suspend enforcement of the 90-minute time limit and Preferential Parking Zones (PPZ's), white curb passenger loading zone, and prepay metered parking spaces on designated street segments in the immediate vicinity of their office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transportation Board review and make recommendation to the City Council regarding Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) requests for:

1. Extension of the suspension of enforcement of 90-Minute Timed and white curb passenger loading zone on 13th St. between Brockton Ave. and Chestnut St.; the 90-Minute Preferential Parking Zone on the south side of 12th St. between Chestnut St. and Almond St. from July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.; and
2. Authorization to intermittently prepay metered spaces at the full rate of \$1.50/hour per space, without reserving the spaces but withhold enforcement, as requested, at these locations:
 - a. Both sides of Almond St. between 11th and 12th Streets; and
 - b. Southside of 12th St. from Almond St. until the driveway approach.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department considers short-term requests to suspend or modify parking enforcement efforts for no more than one (1) year, on a case-by-case basis. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) requested parking enforcement of the 90-minute time limit and PPZ restrictions be suspended from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to accommodate parking for both construction workers and their staff during

the initial phases of the project and construction and this was granted. A subsequent request to extend the suspension of enforcement through June 30, 2021 was authorized. RCOE's most recent request is for an additional nine (9) months which would extend beyond the duration of a short-term request necessitating Transportation Board and City Council review and approval.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) has spent over three years planning and developing its new Conference Center/Parking Structure Project. The project objectives are aimed at alleviating space constraints for both office and parking. The project site encompasses an existing surface parking lot serving RCOE's staff. During construction, available on-site RCOE parking will be reduced by 101 parking stalls. Therefore, RCOE has gone through rigorous planning efforts including working with neighborhood partners to alleviate their interim parking shortage until their new parking structure is constructed and fully operational. In addition, RCOE recently reconfigured two of its other surface parking lots to maximize on-site parking to the furthest extent possible. RCOE is committed to be a good neighbor by ensuring their construction project does not inadvertently cause negative impacts.

During the pandemic, many RCOE staff members telecommuted and in preparation for their return to full staffing levels on July 1, 2021, RCOE engaged the City to continue to explore alternate interim parking solutions. Previously, the City authorized the temporary non-enforcement of some surrounding on-street 90-minute limited and PPZ parking restricted areas to serve as critical parking for RCOE's contractors during construction. However, due to ongoing construction and a return to full staffing levels, RCOE requested an extension of the non-enforcement of the 90-minute limited and PPZ's through March 2022 to meet current parking demands until project completion.

Approval of RCOE's requests will enable RCOE to mitigate parking impacts through completion of construction with minimal anticipated effects to the surrounding properties. Furthermore, RCOE will pre-pay portions of supplementary nearby metered parking, if needed, to accommodate additional parking needs through March 2022.

RCOE is aware that staff's authorization may be rescinded or modified prior to March 31, 2022 should the City become aware of area resident or business concerns which result from the parking considerations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The revenues generated from the prepaid metered parking spaces will be incorporated into the Public Parking Fund (570).

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Attachment:

1. Site Map
2. Aerial Map