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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 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:**

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 City Council approve the 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.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

On September 1, 2021, the Transportation Board (Board) reviewed this matter; six of nine members were present. The Board voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) requests for:

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The Public Works Department considers short-term requests to suspend or modify parking enforcement efforts for no more than one 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 the request 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 being 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 the completion of construction with minimal anticipated effects to the surrounding properties. Furthermore, RCOE will prepay 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 that result from the parking considerations.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This effort supports **Strategic Priority 3 – Economic Opportunity** and specifically, **Goal 5.3**, to “Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.”

Additionally, the consideration of this request relates aligns with each of the cross-cutting threads as demonstrated below:

1. **Community Trust** – The RCOE is a stakeholder in the downtown area and to ensure the neighboring community is aware of the request, this was heard at the Transportation Board after notices were mailed to surrounding addresses.
2. **Equity** – Neighboring property owners were engaged through mail regarding this request and provided opportunities to comment on any potential inequities resulting from granting this request.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Granting this request will not negatively impact public parking revenues as the RCOE will be billed for any metered space usage upon request.
4. **Innovation** – Through this collaborative effort, the City will help a stakeholder's immediate need for employee parking and notify the public of the temporary parking solution.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – This effort is neutral towards this cross-cutting thread.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact of this action is unknown at this time. Future budgets will incorporate any future extensions of this parking consideration.

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#### **Attachments:**

1. Transportation Board Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2021
2. Site Map
3. Aerial Map