



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR
October 16, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works

Subject: Policy to Specify Parking Rules on Streets Bordering the Various Residential Preferential Parking Program Permit Areas

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing a Policy to Specify Parking Rules on streets bordering the various Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Permit Program Areas, where both sides of the streets will be available for RPP permit holders to park as long as their permit corresponds to one of the two bordering RPP Areas.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding is available in the FY 2013 General Fund budget for this project:

Stickers to modify existing signs (010-4960-431-5520).....	\$1,015
Labor (010-4960-431-1101/2720)	<u>\$9,207</u>
Total Expense	\$10,222

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In conformance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050, the 14 Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program areas were established by residents submitting the qualifying number of signatures (exceeding 51%) on petitions to “opt-in” to the RPP Program on the residential street where they live. 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.

The 14 RPP Areas were established more than 20 years ago, giving staff the opportunity to observe and evaluate its operations, and get feedback from the residents. These areas have boundary streets in common, where an RPP designation along one side of the street is different than the designation along the other side. Typically, a resident can only park on his or her side of the bordering street and not across the street, which belongs to a different RPP Area. This rule benefits some areas, while it creates disadvantages in others.

Council requested staff to evaluate the impact and implementation of designating all RPP border streets with both RPP designations along those streets, allowing residents from two different RPP Areas to share the on-street parking on the bordering street.

Staff concludes that this change to the RPP Program will help increase on-street parking options at the border streets (see Attachment 1). This will mostly help residents living at the border streets where sometimes on-street parking is at capacity on one side, while there is ample parking across the street. However, allowing residents from bordering RPP areas to park across the street in a different RPP Area border could reduce parking for the residents of the other RPP Area.

A notice of intent to designate border streets with double letter signs and make it a common parking zone for permit holders from two different RPP Areas would be sent to all addresses in the proposed bordering street.

This new scenario will not impact enforcement capability, since they are already enforcing those same blocks, and no new blocks are being added. Implementing this policy will have a minimum fiscal impact since only stickers will be needed to cover the one letter with two letters to modify the already posted signs.

BACKGROUND

Early in the implementation of the RPP Program, a few border streets and other side streets were selected to have signs posted showing 2 letters on the same sign. In some border streets of the RPP Area boundaries, both sides of the street were posted with each letter corresponding to the RPP Areas for which the street is the boundary (see Exhibit A). This means that permit holders with the letter corresponding to his or her side of the street can park on either side of the border street, as long as the RPP permit corresponds to one of the letters posted on the signs. This rule also applies to all permit holders of the areas, not only to those whose dwelling unit fronts the border street.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Establishing a revised policy for parking on bordering streets in the Residential Preferential Parking Permit Program will provide more flexibility for designated permit parking along these streets. These rules will allow residents from the two adjacent RPP Areas to share available on-street parking on the bordering street.

Implementing this policy will have minimal fiscal impact, requiring only stickers to be added to existing signs. Enforcement capabilities will not be impacted, as those streets are already being enforced.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could leave these border streets as they are, with RPP Permit holders limited to parking only on the one side of the street corresponding to his or her parking permit.

Council could approve establishing a voting procedure similar to the existing RPP opt-In process, requiring residents from the border streets to submit a petition with 51% of the

dwelling units with addresses along the affected border street, and a parking survey of this street showing that 75% of the available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods on either side of the street.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
Exhibit A: Map of Residential Permit Parking Zones, showing location of border streets
2. Public Hearing Notice

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

POLICY TO SPECIFY PARKING RULES ON STREETS BORDERING THE VARIOUS
RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM PERMIT AREAS

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.060.A, Modification after designation of a residential permit parking area, allows City Council by appropriate ordinance or resolution amendment, modify a designated residential permit parking area in any manner not inconsistent with this chapter; and

WHEREAS, adopting a Policy to Specify Parking Rules on streets bordering the various Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Permit Program Areas, where both sides of the streets will be available for RPP permit holders to park as long as their permit corresponds to one of the two bordering RPP Areas is a modification to the existing Residential Permit Parking Program; and

WHEREAS, allowing residents from two different RPP Areas to share the on-street parking on the bordering street will provide more parking flexibility at the border streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modification will not impact enforcement capability, since the streets to be modified are already being enforced, and no new blocks are being added; and

WHEREAS, implementing this policy will have a minimal fiscal impact to modify already posted signs, and funds are available in the FY 2013 General Fund budget (010-4960-431-5520 and 010-4960-431-1101/2720).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that all Residential Preferential Parking Permit bordering streets will be designated as common parking zones for RPP Permit holders from the two bordering Areas.

Exhibit

A: Map of Residential Permit Parking Zones, showing location of border streets



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

POLICY TO SPECIFY PARKING RULES ON BORDERING STREETS OF THE RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

The Department of Public Works is proposing that the City Council adopt a Resolution establishing a Policy to Specify Parking Rules on streets bordering the various Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Permit Program Areas, where both sides of these streets will be available for RPP permit holders to park, as long as their permit corresponds to one of the two bordering RPP Areas.

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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).

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at www.CityofBerkeley.info as of October 4, 2012.

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. Comments received no later than Monday, October 1, 2012 will be included in Council agenda packets. Communications received after that date, up to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 will be distributed to council in a supplemental packet five days before the meeting. Communications received less than seven days before the Council meeting but prior to noon on the day of the meeting, will be distributed at the Council meeting. If the communication includes maps or photos or any other material not reproducible on a copy machine, fifteen copies should be provided to the City Clerk. Communications to the Berkeley City Council are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. **Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to the City**

Council, will become part of the public record. If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the City Clerk. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the City Clerk at 981-6908 or clerk@cityofberkeley.info for further information.

For further information, please contact Diana Cardona, Assistant Traffic Engineer at (510) 981-6399.

Posted: October 4, 2012

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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 October 4, 2012.

Mark Numainville, CMC, Acting City Clerk

