


Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR
December 17, 2002

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Weldon Rucker  City Manager

Subject: Extend Residential Permit Parking Program on Four Street Blocks

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Sections 25E, 25J, 25M and 25N of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend residential permit parking on California Street, between University Avenue and Berkeley Way; on Russell Street, between Milvia Street and Otis Street; on Wheeler Street, between Prince Street and Woolsey Street; and on Hearst Avenue, between Franklin Street and West Street; and authorizing the use of \$1,200 from the operating budget of the Public Works Department to cover implementation costs.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The cost of signs, poles, and installation is estimated to be \$1,200, which is included in the operating budget of the Public Works Department (budget code number: 363-5505-431-5520). The City does receive revenue from fines and the permit fees, which go into the general fund, which off sets this cost.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As required under Berkeley Municipal Code section 14.72.050(A)(1), residents submitted the qualifying number of signatures (exceeding 51%) on petition to "opt in" to the program. The affected blocks are included in the existing residential Study Area boundaries covered by the EIR, certified by the City Council on September 27, 1988, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Staff has verified that at least 75% of the curb spaces were occupied during the morning and afternoon observation periods.

Currently there are 23 Parking Enforcement Representatives, and they are unable to enforce all of the existing RPP areas each day, along with their other enforcement responsibilities. The addition of half-blocks and short-blocks to existing permit areas continues to impact enforcement capability. Each incremental addition results in diminishing enforcement for all existing permit areas, so the level of enforcement on specific streets will likely not be as high as some residents want or expect. The staffing levels, and related issues, in Parking Enforcement need to be reviewed by the Police Department and Office of Transportation to determine an appropriate

course of action for future RPP Program requests from residents. The current level of enforcement for the RPP program throughout the entire City should be reviewed within the context of the overall RPP program policy review and should be addressed within the policy report to be presented to Council in 2003.

BACKGROUND

The expanded RPP Program was approved by the City Council on February 7, 1989, after certifying the associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The analysis was done for a "Study Area" as shown on Attachment A. Fourteen residential permit-parking areas (A-N) have been designated to date in response to petitions from residents in those areas. While permit parking has been established for the majority of blocks within the EIR study area, there are still blocks remaining 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 that a parking survey of the blocks shows 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 City Council on September 27, 1988, in accordance with the California

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Peter K. Hillier, Assistant City Manager for Transportation

RESOLUTION NO.

-N.S.

AMENDING SECTION 25E, 25J, 25M, AND 25N OF RESOLUTION NO. 56,508-N.S, BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF CALIFORNIA STREET, BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND BERKELEY WAY; ON BOTH SIDES OF RUSSELL STREET, BETWEEN MILVIA STREET AND OTIS STREET; ON BOTH SIDES OF WHEELER STREET, BETWEEN PRINCE STREET AND WOOSEY STREET; AND ON BOTH SIDES OF HEARST AVENUE, BETWEEN FRANKLIN STREET AND WEST STREET; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$1,200 FROM THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO COVER IMPLEMENTATION COSTS.

WHEREAS, the Residential Permit Parking Program allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out," and requires submittal of a petition containing the signatures of residents from at least 51% of the dwellings; 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, residents of at least 51% of the dwellings on the west side of California Street, between University Avenue and Berkeley Way; on both sides of Russell Street, between Milvia Street and Otis Street; on both sides of Wheeler Street, between Prince Street and Woolsey Street; and on both sides of Hearst Avenue, between Franklin Street and West Street; have petitioned to "opt-in" to Residential Permit Parking, and City staff concurs; and

WHEREAS, the designation of this block 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 \$1,200 implementation cost is available from the Operating Budget of the Public Works Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to use \$1,200 from the Operating Budget (budget code number: 363-5505-431-55-20) of the Public Works Department to cover implementation costs.

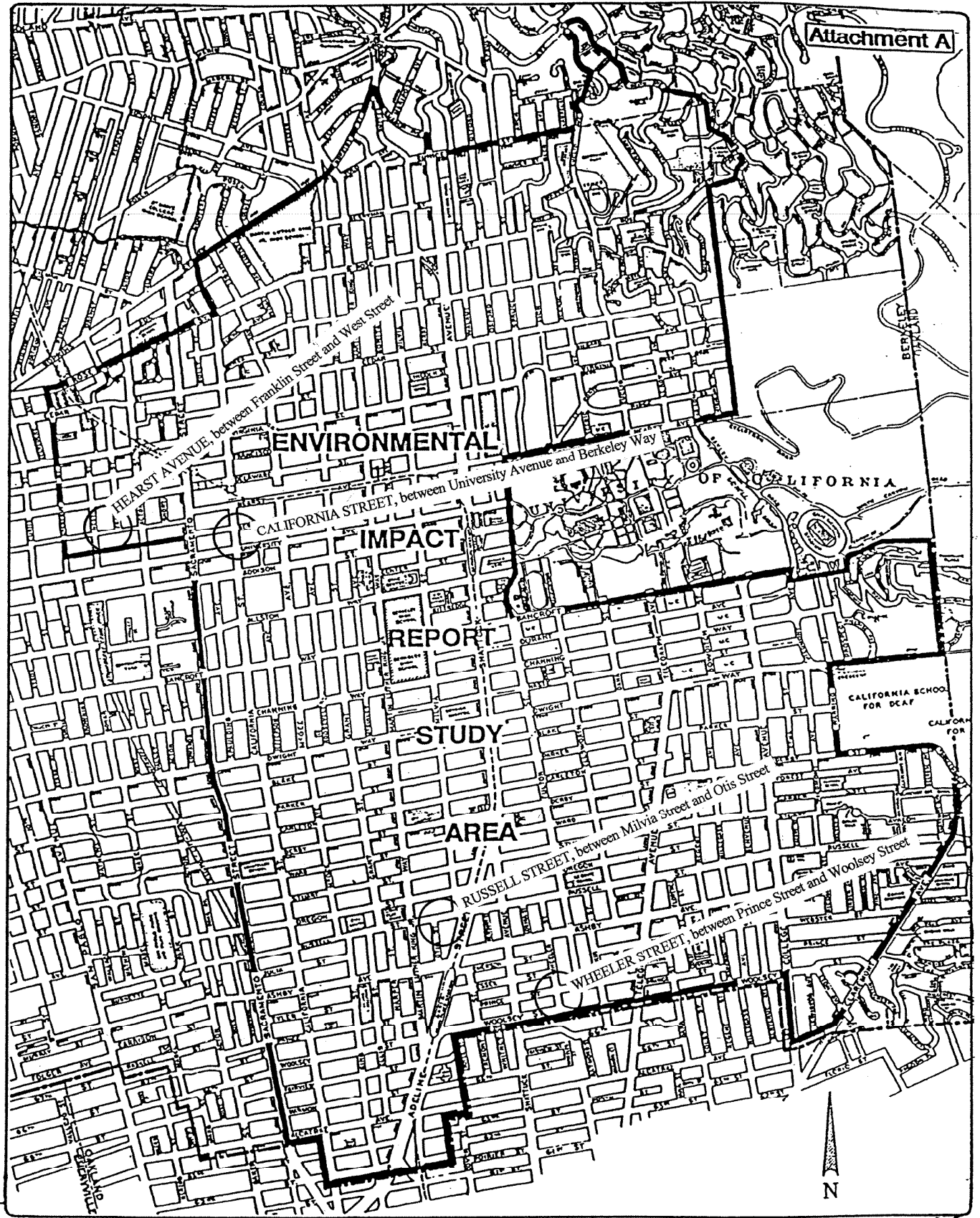
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following subsections of Section 25 of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. are hereby added to read as follows:

Section 25E CALIFORNIA STREET, both sides, between University Avenue and Berkeley Way

Section 25J RUSSELL STREET, both sides, between Milvia Street and Otis Street

Section 25M WHEELER STREET, both sides, between Prince Street and Woolsey Street

Section 25N HEARST AVENUE, both sides, between Franklin Street and West Street



RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING - EIR BOUNDARIES