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City Council
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: REVISION TO THE OLD SACRAMENTO ON-STREET
PARKING PROGRAM**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Old Sacramento; District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends the City Council adopt the resolution:

- Revising the Old Sacramento On-Street Parking Program to replace the single-headed parking meters that serve two parking spaces with double-headed parking meters
- Extend the pilot program by one year to further evaluate the meters with the more user-friendly meters

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: July 30, 2002

SUMMARY:

This report provides for the replacement of the existing parking meters, which include a single pole with a single meter head which controls two parking spaces, with a double-

headed meter on a single pole which controls two spaces. The hardware/technology of the single-headed meter serving two spaces that is available on the market is not adequate for use in the Old Sacramento Historic District (OSHD) since visitors heavily use the area.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Old Sacramento Management Board approved staff's recommendations at their meeting of July 11, 2002.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In November, 1999, the Council was presented with a three-year pilot program to control the parking on the streets of the OSHD. The recommended method to control the on-street parking in OSHD was by the use of parking meters. It was determined that further environmental work needed to be done, and staff returned to the Council in June, 2000 to ratify the Negative Declaration and Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Report Program. Of the options provided by City staff and assessed in the CEQA documents, the parking meters were deemed to be more user friendly than the pay and display process where the customer walks to a machine and purchases a parking tag and displays this tag in the window of their vehicle. After eight months of planning meetings, the recommendation from the Old Sacramento Management Board and the Parking Committee was for a single pole with two parking meters (double-headed), each serving a separate space. Members of the Design Review/Preservation Board and the City's Preservation Director opposed the meters, preferring the Pay and Display Method. The single-headed meter was considered to be less intrusive than the double-headed meter, and based on months of planning by Old Sacramento Stakeholders, City staff recommended to proceed with a newer technology single meter that would serve two spaces rather than a Pay and Display system.

The parking meters were installed and became operational on April 1, 2001. Visitors were confused on how the meters worked, and it was thought that there may be a "learning" curve for getting used to the meters. But with so many members of the public being first-time or one-time visitors, people continued to have difficulty understanding the meters. It became clear that a more user-friendly system was needed. In addition, there have been some reliability problems with the meters. Staff felt it was necessary to reconsider leaving the single posts and using double-headed meters allowing for a meter for each space, which is very traditional in many areas with parking meters. This would also eliminate more disruption to the boardwalk by utilizing the existing posts.

To date there have been a minimal number of complaints about the introduction of parking meters into OSHD. The complaints have centered on the type of meter installed.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost to replace the meters is estimated at \$62,000. Funding to change out the meters is available in the On-Street Parking 2002-03 budget. The manufacturer that supplied the newer technology meters will work with the City to change out the type of meter at minimal cost. The \$62,000 will cover the additional meters required as well as the labor to retrofit the existing meter poles.

The impact to revenue during installation of the new meters will be negligible.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

An Initial Study was prepared to assess the project's potential environmental impacts. The main issue discussed in the Initial Study was whether replacing the single head meters with double headed meters would significantly impact the Old Sacramento Historic District. The Initial Study concluded that while this may be a change that is noticed by some, it would not result in a significant environmental impact pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

A Draft Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review including distribution to the City's Design Review/Preservation Board and Old Sacramento Management Board. The public review period closed on July 19, 2002 and no comments were received. It is recommended that the City Council approve the Negative Declaration, as attached (Exhibit A), making the following finding:

On the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and the Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The recommended actions are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan principle of investing in infrastructure development that optimizes economic growth. The recommended actions are also consistent with the City's goal to create a financially stable organization to manage and maintain the Old Sacramento Historic District.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

There are none in this report.

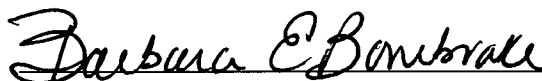
City Council
Revision to the Old Sacramento On-Street Parking Program
July 30, 2002

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Astone, Old Sacramento Town Manager

APPROVED:



Barbara E. Bonebrake, Director
Convention, Culture and Leisure Department

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



Robert P. Thomas
City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 2002-514

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
ON DATE OF _____

REVISION TO THE OLD SACRAMENTO ON-STREET PARKING PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. The Old Sacramento On-Street Parking Program will be revised to replace the single-headed parking meters that serve two parking spaces with double-headed parking meters.
2. Extend the pilot program by one year to further evaluate the meters with the more user-friendly meters
3. The Negative Declaration as attached as Exhibit A is approved with the following finding:

On the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and the Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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Resolution No. _____

Date Adopted _____



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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporation, does hereby prepare, make declare, and publish this Negative Declaration for the following described project:

OLD SACRAMENTO METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Parking meters would be replaced at 128 meter locations regulating 256 spaces throughout the existing Old Sacramento parking areas. The existing single-head meters would be removed and double-headed meters would be installed on the existing stems at every other space with two side-by-side meters at the top. The meter heads would be approximately 10" tall and 5" wide, with no ornamentation added. Placed side by side with some space between, the two meter heads would occupy an approximately 18" to 20" space, approximately 4" deep.

The City of Sacramento, Department of Planning and Building, has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment. This conclusion is based on information contained in the attached Initial Study. An Environmental Impact Report is not required pursuant to the Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Sections 21000, et seq., Public Resources Code of the State of California).

This Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to Title 14, Section 15070 of the California Code of Regulations; the Sacramento Local Environmental Regulations (Resolution 98-892) adopted by the City of Sacramento; and the Sacramento City Code, Title 63.

A copy of this document and all supportive documentation may be reviewed/obtained at the City of Sacramento, Department of Neighborhoods, Planning, and Development Services, Planning Division, 1231 I Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, California 95814.

Environmental Planning Services Manager, City of Sacramento,
California, a municipal corporation

By: LE Buford, AICP

Date: 6/28/02

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