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Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON THE UTILIZATION OF TEN-HOUR PARKING  
METERS IN MIDTOWN

SUMMARY

This is a status report on the utilization of the ten-hour parking meters within the Midtown Residential Permit Parking Area (16th to 29th, F to L Streets) south of the I/J Street Alley.

BACKGROUND

The City Council adopted the Midtown Residential Permit Parking and Transportation Management Program on January 12, 1988. This program is being implemented in three phases, with Phase I effective April 1, 1988. After each phase of the program, a status report is due back to the Planning Commission on the Program's progress. The status report along with the Planning Commission's recommendation is forwarded to the City Council.

On November 22, 1988, the Phase I Status Report was presented to the City Council. In that report, staff recommended that the Midtown Transportation Management Program resolution be amended with the following provisions:

1. During Phase II, employee on-street parking permits would continue to be issued as in Phase I due to the low demand; and
2. Carpool parking restrictions would be removed from all ten-hour parking meters south of the alley between I and J Streets due to non-utilization. If carpools would exceed the supply of remaining ten-hour parking meters, carpool restrictions would be reinstated as needed.

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This would increase usage and provide additional short-term and long-term parking to serve the Midtown area.

The City Council adopted the resolution amendments. The Parking Administrator was also given the option to have no parking certain hours posted in conjunction with the ten-hour parking meters south of the residential sector, if needed, to displace commuter vehicles of employees whose work locations were outside of the Midtown area boundaries (F, L, 16th and 29th Streets). There was concern that commuter vehicles of employees employed outside of the Midtown Area would be parked prior to 9:00 a.m. and occupy these spaces all day. Councilmember Robie asked that the occupancy of the unrestricted ten-hour meters be monitored and a status report be made back to the Transportation and Community Development Committee.

Based on surveys in Phase I, the total on-street parking occupancy of the 161 ten-hour parking meters south of the I/J Street Alley was 35% (Exhibit A). Carpool restrictions were removed from these meters in December. Between January 25th and February 3rd, a similar survey was conducted of these ten-hour parking meters, showing that 33% of the available parking spaces were occupied during the peak parking demand time (Exhibit B). This is a 2% reduction in on-street parking occupancy.

Further analysis showed that of the total vehicles parked, 87% were commuter vehicles, 1% were resident's vehicles, and 11% were vehicles which could not be identified through Sacramento DMV records. Of the total vehicles parked, only 15% were parked more than four hours. Drivers of the vehicles that were parked for more than four hours were contacted and their responses showed the following:

- 78% WORKED IN THE MIDTOWN AREA
- 11% WERE CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN MIDTOWN
- 11% WORKED OUTSIDE OF MIDTOWN

FINANCIAL DATA

Not applicable to this report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Conventional ten-hour parking meters in Midtown are consistent with other residential permit parking areas in the City. The City Code authorizes the Parking Administrator to prohibit parking during

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certain hours in conjunction with the ten-hour parking meters as needed to displace the parking of commuter vehicles by employees who are employed outside of the Midtown area.


MBE/WBE

Not applicable to this report.

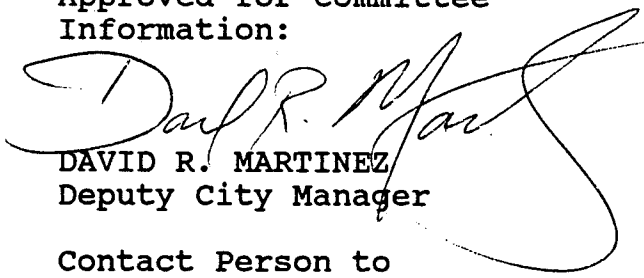
RECOMMENDATION

Based on the results of surveys shown herein, it is recommended that the ten-hour parking meters south of the I/J Alley remain without further restrictions until there are changes in parking demand.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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EXHIBIT A

PHASE I SURVEY - JULY 1988

Ten-Hour Parking Meters South of  
the I, J Alley, 16th - 29th Streets

A = Total On-Street Parking Spaces Available Per Day	161
B = Average Total Vehicles Parked at 11:30 in Survey Area	56
C = Total Parking Occupancy Percentage	35%

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL VEHICLES PARKED

- 41 = Commute Vehicles or 73%
- 6 = Residence Vehicles or 11%
- 9 = Miscellaneous (\*) Vehicles or 16%

Of the total vehicles parked:

<u>LONG-TIME PARKED (4 HOURS OR MORE)</u>	<u>SHORT-TIME PARKED (LESS THAN 4 HOURS)</u>
5 (9%).....COMMUTE.....	36 (64%)
2 (4%).....RESIDENCE.....	4 ( 7%)
--- ( %).....MISCELLANEOUS.....	9 (16%)

NOTE:

Miscellaneous vehicles fall within the following categories:

- A) Out of state license plates.
- B) No license plate on vehicle.
- C) No registration record at DMV, Sacramento.

FEBRUARY 1989 SURVEY

Ten-Hour Parking Meters South of the  
I, J Street Alley, 16th - 29th Streets

A = Total On-Street Parking Spaces Available Per Day	161
B = Average Total Vehicles Parked at 1:30 in Survey Area	53
C = Total Parking Occupancy Percentage	33%

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL VEHICLES PARKED

- 46 = Commute Vehicles or 87%
- 1 = Residence Vehicles or 2%
- 6 = Miscellaneous (\*) Vehicles or 11%

Of the total vehicles parked:

<u>LONG-TIME PARKED (4 HOURS OR MORE)</u>	<u>SHORT-TIME PARKED (LESS THAN 4 HOURS)</u>
7 (13%).....	COMMUTE.....39 (74%)
--- ( % ).....	RESIDENCE.....1 ( 2%)
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NOTE:

Miscellaneous vehicles fall within the following categories:

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EXHIBIT C

SURVEY COMPARISON

	<u>JULY 1988</u>		<u>FEBRUARY 1989</u>	
	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>%</u>
Average Vehicles Parked at Peak Time	56	35%	53	33%
Commuter Vehicles	41	73%	46	87%
Resident Vehicles	6	11%	1	2%
Miscellaneous Vehicles	9	16%	6	11%
Vehicles Parked Long-Term More Than 4 Hours	7	13%	8	15%
Vehicles Parked Short-Term Less Than 4 Hours	49	87%	45	85%

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