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Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Information Report on Implementation of Automated Garbage Collection in Central City

SUMMARY

Implementation of the automated garbage collection service is expected to occur in the central city area from August to November, 1990. This will complete the city-wide conversion of residential garbage collection service from a manual to the popular and less expensive automated system. Garbage collection in the central city area will emphasize alley collection and will be implemented independently of any proposed program to limit on-street parking during certain times to facilitate yard waste collection and street sweeping.

BACKGROUND

On October 7, 1986, staff presented a report to the City Council on the implementation schedule for converting the residential garbage collection service from a manual system to an automated system. The report showed how the entire City would be converted to the automated system. The central city (see Attachment A map) was planned to be the last area served. It was estimated that conversion in the Central City would occur during the 1989-90 fiscal year.

Over the last few years, the manufacturer of the auto-lift containers was not able to keep up with the ability of Solid Waste Division staff to deliver the containers to residents, so the final stages of conversion have been delayed several months. At this time, all of the City outside the central city area is receiving the automated collection service with a few minor exceptions (these exceptions will be addressed in a separate staff report in the near future). Solid Waste Division staff is prepared to implement automated service in the central city area with completion expected by the end of November this year if delivery of containers to residents begins in August. Such a schedule will allow the personnel involved in delivery of containers to be available for delivering recycling containers in accordance with the implementation schedule for the residential curbside recycling program.

Because the central city has a large amount of on-street parking and one way streets, the Solid Waste Division plans to use alleys as much as possible for garbage collection. Alley pick-up is already being used successfully in some other areas of the city where curbside street collection is impractical. On a case-by-case basis, the Solid Waste Division will consider street pickup in the central city where alley access is unavailable or other circumstances require it.

In a separate report, the Department of Public Works is addressing the possibility of controlling on-street parking in the central city to allow for garden refuse collection and street sweeping without the conflict of parked cars. This also raises the question of collecting garbage from the street during the same periods of restricted parking. However, if such a strategy is adopted, the implementation of automated garbage collection would be delayed while waiting for signing of the restricted parking areas. Further, the garbage service would probably be more costly to provide during the limited times that parking is restricted. Since the alley alternative is available now, and many residents have long awaited the more cost-effective automated garbage service, staff intends to proceed with automated garbage collection in the alleys in the central city area independent of any on-street parking restrictions which may or may not be implemented later. Then, if parking limitations are implemented and opportunities develop for more convenient or more efficient garbage collection, the garbage collection method will be changed at that time.

FINANCIAL DATA

The auto-lift containers and the automated side loader vehicles have already been purchased under approved budgets. Implementation of automated collection service in the central city will result in lower costs to provide the service, and lower rates to residents, similar to the rest of the City.

POLICY MATTERS

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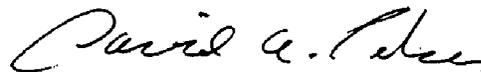
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RECOMMENDATION

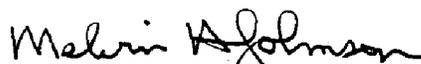
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Respectfully submitted,



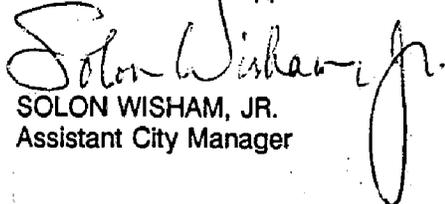
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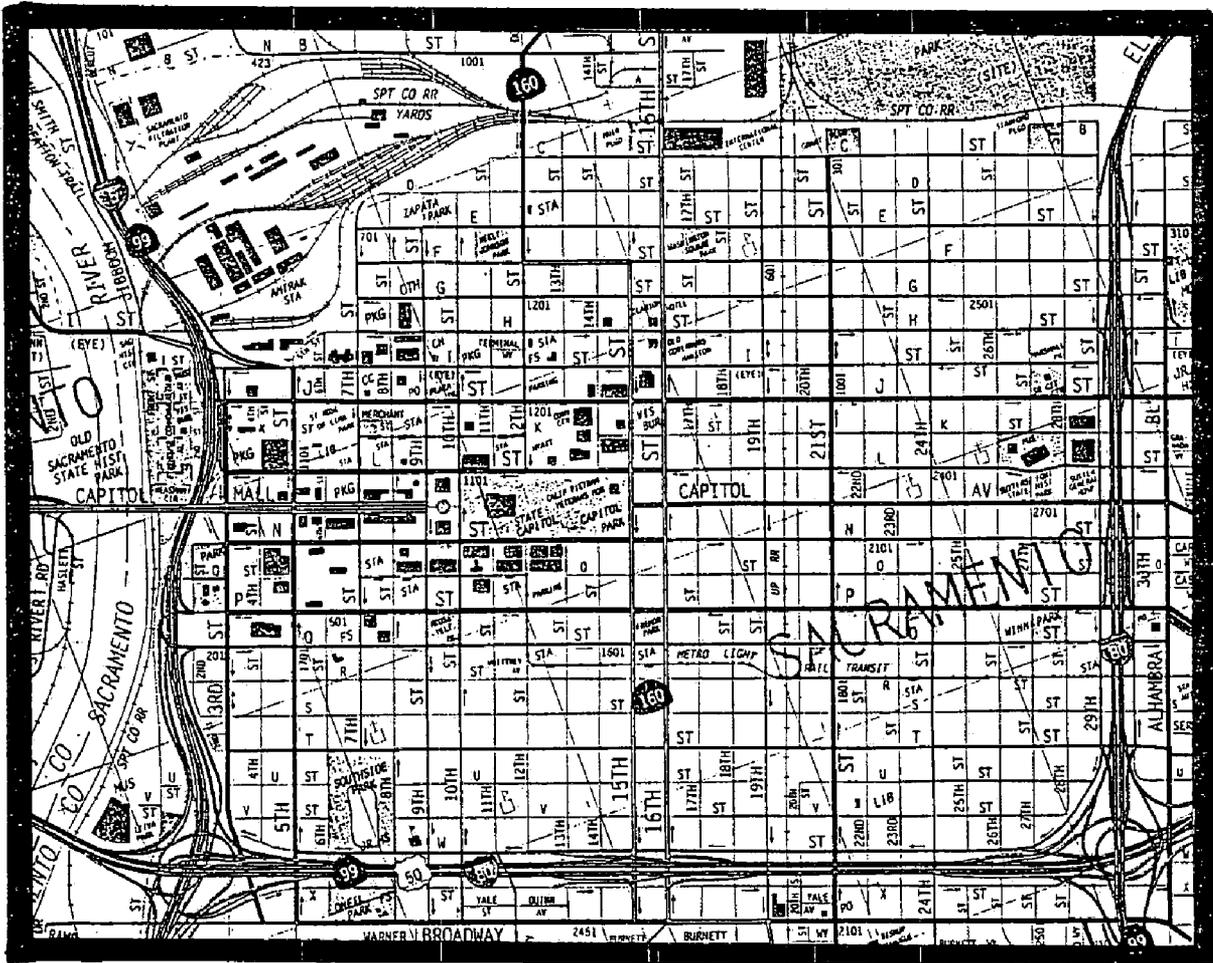
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All Districts

Attachment: Map

ATTACHMENT A



central city area

not yet provided with auto-lift type

residential garbage collection service