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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: J STREET BETWEEN 12TH AND 13TH STREETS TRAFFIC ISSUES
REPORT BACK**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

J Street Between 12th and 13 Streets
Council District 1.

RECOMMENDATION: None. This report is informational only.

CONTACT PERSON: Marty Hanneman, Transportation Manager, 264-7508

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 29, 1999

SUMMARY:

At the May 25th afternoon City Council meeting, Council Member Heather Fargo asked staff to evaluate options to enhance traffic operations on J Street between 12th and 13th Streets. Staff reviewed the following two options: 1) Leave parking along the north side of J Street and maintain two through travel lanes, monitor this segment from the City's traffic operations center (TOC), and adjust signal timing as needed for the next twenty months of construction at the Convention Center Hotel; 2) Remove parking along the north side of J Street for the next twenty months to accommodate three through travel lanes. Option one is currently in place and because of impacts to businesses on the north side of J Street, staff recommends no change.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the May 25th afternoon City Council meeting, Council Member Heather Fargo asked staff to evaluate options to enhance traffic operations on J Street between 12th and 13th Streets.

As part of the approved Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Convention Center Hotel, the circulation section recommended removing parking on the entire north side of J Street between 12th and 13th Streets to maintain operations. However, as construction activity began

in March for the hotel project, many business owners were concerned that the loss of parking would hurt their businesses and asked that parking remain for their customers. To address their concerns, staff developed an interim traffic control plan that met the needs of the contractor and yet allowed parking to remain along the north side of J Street.

Staff reviewed the following two options: 1) Leave parking along the north side of J Street and maintain two through travel lanes, monitor this segment from the City's traffic operations center (TOC), and adjust signal timing as needed for the next twenty months of construction of the Convention Center Hotel; 2) Remove parking along the north side of J Street for the next twenty months to accommodate three through travel lanes. Option one is currently in place and because of impacts to businesses on the north side of J Street, staff recommends no change.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None. All traffic control costs for J Street between 12th and 13th Streets is part of the Convention Center Hotel project.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Services Department, Office of Environmental Affairs has reviewed the project and has determined that this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15301-C of the CEQA guidelines.

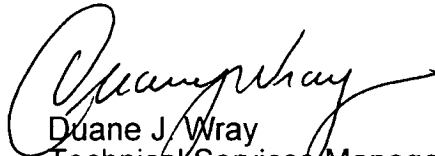
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The traffic control plan is consistent with the City Council's priority of Public Safety.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.

Respectfully submitted,


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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
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Approved:


Michael Kashiwagi
Director of Public Works