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City Council
Sacramento, California 95814

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 25.01.002, 51.02.202 AND 51.02.205 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING CITATIONS AND TO THE OPERATION OF REGIONAL TRANSIT VEHICLES ON THE K STREET MALL

LOCATION: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the item be passed for publication of title, pursuant to City Charter Section 32, and continued to May 6, 1997.

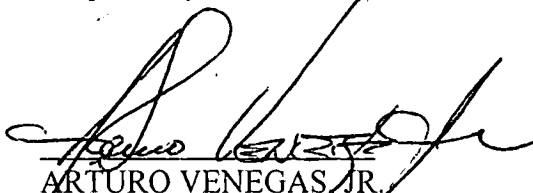
CONTACT: Sergeant Mark Sakauye, Regional Transit Detail, 321-2995

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 29, 1997

SUMMARY:

In an effort to ease traffic congestion and allow for a more efficient and safe transit operation, staff is proposing the adoption of an ordinance to amend sections of the City Code that will enable designated Regional Transit employees to issue parking citations as well as update city ordinances to match the current RT shuttle bus operation on the K Street Mall.

Respectfully submitted,


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LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide, all districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amendments.

CONTACT PERSON: Sergeant Mark Sakauye, Regional Transit Detail,
Metro Sector, Police Department, 321-2995

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 6, 1997

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amendments which would:

- Enable designated Regional Transit (RT) employees to issue parking citations.
- Update City Ordinances to match the current RT shuttle bus operation on the K Street mall.

The Mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

At the April 15, 1997 meeting of the Law & Legislation Committee, this measure was approved and recommended to be sent to the full City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Vehicles are often illegally parked in Regional Transit (RT) bus stops causing a number of problems. Consequently, buses are unable to pull into the stop causing all or part of a bus to impede traffic or to partially block an intersection. A safety issue arises because passengers, including disabled riders, are required to board the bus in the street or at a non-designated boarding area.

Authorizing designated RT employees to cite these vehicles would have positive benefits for the city, RT and RT passengers. This solution would ease traffic congestion and allow for a more efficient and safe transit operation.

RT's only recourse regarding this problem is to call for a Police Officer to issue a citation. This situation can often result in a lengthy delay that affects safety and scheduling concerns for RT and the public.

Authorizing RT employees to issue parking citations would be a simple solution to an ongoing problem.

RT has been providing a shuttle bus service on the K st. Mall and downtown area since May, 1996. The amendments to City Ordinances Sections 51.01.202 and 51.02.205 will bring the existing RT shuttle bus operation on the mall into technical compliance with the law.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This ordinance is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and is therefore exempt from CEQA guidelines.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed amendment to the City Ordinance regarding parking may yield an increase in the revenue generated through the citation process. RT will not receive any revenue from this or any of the proposed amendments.

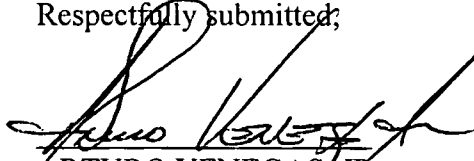
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed ordinance amendments are consistent with City policy in providing a safe environment for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic along with assisting in the efficient operation of public transportation.

MBE/WBE CONSIDERATIONS:

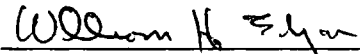
None. No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully submitted,



ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.
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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



WILLIAM H. EDGAR
CITY MANAGER

Attachment: Ordinance

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