



# STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6.b

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2024

**To: Traffic Safety and Parking Commission**

**Date: September 26, 2024**

**From: Andrew Wong, Senior Engineer**

**Subject: Proposal to Consider Implementing Parking Time Restrictions Along The East Side Of California Drive Between Carmelita Avenue and Sanchez Avenue.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Traffic Safety and Parking Commission (TSPC) review current parking condition, consider the proposed options, obtain community feedback, and then make recommendations regarding parking time restriction options along the east side of California Drive between Carmelita Avenue and Sanchez Avenue.

## **BACKGROUND**

As part of the California Drive Complete Streets Project, a Class IV bicycle facility was added on the eastside with a lane reduction in each direction. To accommodate this change, there was a loss of 12 on-street parking spaces on the west side of California Drive; between Broadway and Carmelita Avenue. To offset this parking loss, the City provided 18 new on-street spaces along the east side of California Drive; between Carmelita Avenue and Sanchez Avenue, where parking did not exist previously.

At the September 2023 TSPC meeting, the Commission discussed parking restriction options along the east side of California Drive between Carmelita Avenue and Oak Grove Avenue. The options included:

- ❖ No Overnight Parking
- ❖ A Two-Hour Parking Restriction
- ❖ A Four-Hour Parking Restriction
- ❖ A Ten-Hour Parking Restriction

As part of that meeting, notices were mailed and/or hand-delivered as well as posted for both property owners and business owners along the California Drive, between Oak Grove Avenue and Broadway. While handing out notices in-person, staff engaged with the business owners for their input. Staff found that majority of them were primarily concerned about vehicles being parked for extended periods, and did not have much support for other options.

After considerable deliberations, the TSPC voted to only restrict overnight parking and decided to recommend only allowing parking during the daytime between Carmelita Avenue and Oak Grove Avenue.

Based on staff observations, the new parking is generally working well with minor enforcement issues from time to time. That said, some business along the 1100 block which experienced loss of short term parking as part of the California Drive Complete Street Project have requested the City consider two-hour parking between Carmelita Avenue. and Sanchez Avenue as many of the spaces closer to the businesses along the 1000 block of California Drive are being utilized by long-term parkers, with limited availability for customers with short term parking needs.

Public Outreach:

As part of the preparation for the September 26, 2024 TSPC meeting, staff performed public outreach to the affected business community. This was done by mailing and/or passing out meeting notices to the businesses and property owners along California Drive, between Broadway and Sanchez Avenue. Additionally, meeting notices were posted along the street. Lastly, due to the relatively small number of directly affected businesses; staff was able to conduct a direct survey and obtained their feedback and preferences regarding parking options. The following parking restriction options were discussed with the affected business community:

- ❖ Two-Hour Parking Restriction
- ❖ Four-Hour Parking Restriction
- ❖ No Change to the Current Parking Restriction

The general tradeoffs associated with each option are as follows:

**Option A: Two Hour Parking Limit:**

Restrict on-street parking with a two-hour parking limit along the east side of California Drive between Carmelita Avenue and Sanchez Avenue. The tradeoffs of this change include:

- Increase in hourly parking turnover, and help address customer parking needs for some businesses.
- Parking more appropriate for customer needs
- Possibility of potential parking impacts into the adjacent residential neighborhood
- Potential parking impacts for employees during the day.
- Increase in pedestrian activity across California Drive.

**Option B: Four Hour Parking Limit:**

Restrict on-street parking with a four-hour parking limit along the east side of California Drive between Carmelita Avenue and Sanchez Avenue. The tradeoffs of this change include:

- Smaller increase in hourly parking turnover compared to two hour limit.
- Longer duration for those who may need additional time.
- Potential parking impacts may still occur for employees during the day.

**Option C: No Change to the Current Parking Restriction:**

Leaving only the current overnight parking restriction in place along the east side of California Drive between Carmelita Avenue and Sanchez Avenue. The tradeoffs of this change include:

- Minimal parking impacts for anyone using the parking during the day.
- Will reduce hourly parking turnover
- Does not address short term parking needs for customers.

Of the roughly 22 businesses between Broadway and Sanchez Avenue, staff was able to obtain feedback from 20 of them; with the following results:

Options	Support by number of respondents	Percentage (%)
No Opinion	4	20% (4/20)
Two-Hour Duration	5	25% (5/20)
Four Hour Duration	2	10% (2/20)
No Change from Existing	9	45% (9/20)

**Option D: Hybrid Option:**

Based on the survey data and business feedback, staff generated a “hybrid” option using a combination of restrictions. With this option some of the 18 spaces along the east side of California Drive between Carmelita Avenue and Sanchez Avenue would be converted to two-hour parking with the remaining parking to continue as “daytime parking”.

This hybrid option is an effort to accommodate short-term parking for customers while still providing long-term parking for employees; without impacting the adjacent residential neighborhoods. With this option staff is proposing six of the 18 spaces would be converted to two-hour parking with the remaining parking to be “daytime” parking.

**DISCUSSION**

Based on the above, staff is seeking a TSPC motion to support one of the proposed options:

- ❖ Option A: Two-Hour Parking Restriction
- ❖ Option B: Four-Hour Parking Restriction

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- ❖ Option C: No Change to the Existing Parking Restriction
- ❖ Option D: Mixing of two-hour parking and “daytime” parking (hybrid)

If a motion of support for an option can be determined, the TSPC recommendation will be presented before the City Council for their direction with approval and action as applicable.