

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

report as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE relative to the development of a community parking project consistent with the Atwater Village Pedestrian Oriented District.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Garcetti - Reyes):

- 1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in coordination with the Department of City Planning, to develop a Community Parking Project consistent with the Atwater Village Pedestrian Oriented District that will provide parking options to enhance the pedestrian-oriented businesses and projects seeking to locate in the area.
2. INSTRUCT the LADOT and the Department of City Planning to utilize the parking utilization study (attached to Council file No. 09-0035) in drafting the necessary amendments to the Atwater Village Pedestrian Oriented District.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

Motion (Garcetti - Reyes) states that the Atwater Village area of Los Angeles is an older community with pedestrian - scaled commercial businesses located along Glendale Boulevard. The businesses are often located in buildings that were built before the establishment of current City parking requirements. Efforts to retain and enhance the pedestrian oriented character of the commercial area has been difficult, in part because small businesses on typical parcels often find it difficult or impossible to meet current parking requirements, which are applied site-by-site and project-by-project, without variances and other discretionary actions outside the purview of local planning.

The Motion further notes that in order to attract the types of businesses desired by the Atwater Village business and residential communities that also retain and enhance the pedestrian-oriented character of the commercial area, the City should explore the possibility of implementing a Community Parking Project that will plan for parking on a neighborhood-wide level. The Motion suggests that a pilot project should be designed to create an alternative means of providing parking for commercial and mixed use projects in the Atwater Village Pedestrian Oriented District Area, to preserve and enhance the pedestrian character of the District's commercial streets, and to protect the character of the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

At a regular meeting held on January 14, 2009, the Transportation Committee considered the development of a community parking project consistent with the Atwater Village Pedestrian Oriented District. A representative from Council District 13 gave the Committee a presentation on the matter and an opportunity for public comment was provided. After a discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in Motion (Garcetti - Reyes). At a regular meeting held on February 3, 2009, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee concurred with the Transportation Committee. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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COUNCILMEMBER ED P. REYES, CHAIR
PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GREUEL:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
ALARCON:	ABSENT
PARKS:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
REYES:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
WEISS:	ABSENT

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