

TRANSPORTATION

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The downturn in the economy has had a particularly negative impact on the businesses in the downtown San Pedro and Wilmington commercial districts. These businesses have been struggling to remain open in these tough economic times and need assistance to encourage patrons in these areas.

The recent increase in parking meter rates has presented an additional impediment in attracting customers to downtown San Pedro and Wilmington, resulting in a marked decline in business for merchants in this area. Although the original intent of on-street parking meters was to encourage turnover of parking spaces for customers, the lack of visitors to this area have rendered this rationale moot.

According to reports by the Department of Transportation, on-street parking meters in San Pedro generate less than one percent of the total citywide revenues in the Special Parking Revenue Fund. In fact, the fund is currently subsidizing the cost of operations and maintenance for the San Pedro and Wilmington on-street parking meter program.

In light of this information, it is appropriate for the Department of Transportation to begin the process of relocating the on-street meters, many of which are brand new technology, to other areas of the City where they are more useful and would generate more revenue.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to report back on removing the on-street parking meters in downtown San Pedro and Wilmington, which account for less than one percent of the citywide revenues generated, in order to encourage visitors to these small business areas.

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