

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to removing underutilized parking meters, changing certain parking regulations, and upgrading certain parking meters in San Pedro and Wilmington.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DIRECT the General Manager, Department of Transportation (DOT), to remove parking meters and extend parking time limits in the San Pedro and Wilmington parking meter zones (PMZs) as described in Attachment A of the DOT report to Council dated June 11, 2012 (attached to the Council file).
2. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of DOT, to prepare an ordinance to include the San Pedro and Wilmington PMZs in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 88.00.2(b) as eligible PMZs for demand-based parking meter rates.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this matter will not impact the General Fund. Approving the above recommendations may result in a net annual revenue decrease of \$116,251 to the Special Parking Revenue Fund (SPRF). Over the seven year useful life of a parking meter, this will total \$813,758.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For Proposal: San Pedro Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated June 11, 2012, DOT recommends removing certain underutilized parking meters, changing certain parking regulations, and upgrading certain parking meters in San Pedro and Wilmington. Specifically, the Department's proposes:

- The removal of 508 on-street and 137 off-street parking meters, as shown in maps attached to the Council file.
- Upgrade the remaining coin-only meters to new Card and Coin Meters (approximately 24 in San Pedro and 126 in Wilmington).
- Extend the time limit for all on-street meters from one to two hours to improve usage and allow customers more time to do their business.
- Preserve the use of San Pedro Parking Lot No. 683 (445 West 5th Street) for short-term parking by reducing the parking time limit from ten to four hours.
- Implement demand-based parking meter rates in the San Pedro and Wilmington parking meter zones, providing DOT the authority to adjust rates to improve parking occupancy to 70-90% during metered hours.

At its meeting held June 13, 2012, the Transportation Committee discussed DOT's recommendation with Department staff. Committee continued the matter, requesting a fiscal analysis and report from the CAO.

In a report to Council dated July 20, 2012, the CAO recommends approval of DOT's Attachment A proposal. The CAO states that all of the four options contained in the June 11, 2012, DOT report, including taking no action, will ultimately have a negative effect on the net revenue in the San Pedro and Wilmington PMZs. However, the comparative financial impact is very minimal. No significant impact to citation revenue is expected, as time limits will still apply to non-metered spaces and parking enforcement in those areas will still occur. In parking surveys conducted by DOT, it was found local land usage has changed significantly since installation of the meters and that almost half of the on-street parking meters are being used less than one hour per day. Finally, the CAO goes on to state that the removal of underutilized meters and modernizing others may encourage patronage of area businesses.

At its meeting held July 25, 2012, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the CAO and DOT. The Councilmember from the Fifteenth Council District was in attendance to express support for the parking meter plan proposed by DOT. The Councilmember stated that the potential impact of the parking meter removal on the SPRF will be less than one tenth of one percent. The increase of economic activity resulting from the removal of the meters will more than cover the estimated decrease in meter revenue. Members of the San Pedro and Wilmington communities expressed support for the parking meter removal plan. The CAO representative stated that the DOT proposal is consistent with the Department's Parking Management Plan. Parking meter revenue loss will be mitigated by the reduction of maintenance costs to occur as a result of the removal of older parking meters.

The Committee recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations to adopt DOT's Attachment A parking meter plan.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
PARKS:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES

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