



CITY OF COSTA MESA

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Agenda Report

File #: 24-050

Meeting Date: 2/20/2024

TITLE:

RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM - JOANN STREET AND FEDERAL AVENUE

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES DIVISION

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council:

Adopt the proposed Resolution No. 2024-xx, approving the implementation of a Resident Permit Parking (RPP) only restriction on Joann Street between Placentia Avenue and Federal Avenue and on Federal Avenue between Joann Street and Darrell Street, and authorizing the Transportation Services Manager to extend the restriction within a 1,000-foot radius as needed, based on a qualifying petition from affected residents and Council-adopted guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 19, 2022 regular meeting, the City Council approved the amendments to the Costa Mesa Municipal Code (CMMC) incorporating proposed changes to the RPP program through a Public Hearing process. The RPP program's revised guidelines and policies were approved by the City Council at the aforementioned meeting.

In December 2023, a petition was received from the residents of Joann Street and Federal Avenue requesting the implementation of a Resident Permit Parking only restriction. The petition was signed by 13 out of 13 households that would be directly affected by the requested parking restriction. These residents expressed concerns for the lack of on-street parking due to external impacts.

ANALYSIS:

According to the revised RPP program guidelines adopted by the City Council (Attachment 2), new requests for RPP will be limited to areas experiencing external parking impacts such as commercial areas, neighboring cities, Fairgrounds, and regional recreational areas. All housing types within impacted areas are eligible for permits.

Following the request for a new RPP zone, Transportation Services staff conducted several parking surveys during various times to determine the source and level of parking impacts. The parking surveys found that Estancia High School students are utilizing Joann Street and Federal Avenue for

parking during school hours which qualifies as an external parking impact to Joann Street and Federal Avenue as described in the revised RPP program guidelines. In addition, neighborhood parking intrusions are considered significant if 70 percent or more of available parking is utilized by vehicles at any time.

Staff conducted a parking occupancy survey and found that during the times when external impacts were present, more than 70 percent of available parking was utilized on the subject streets. Staff found that the requirements in the RPP guidelines for consideration of establishing resident permit parking on the subject streets have been met. A map (Attachment 3) of the location of the subject area under consideration is provided.

If resident permit parking is approved for this neighborhood zone, residents on these streets will have the opportunity to purchase permits through the online parking permit management system. After a majority of households purchase at least one permit, signs will be posted restricting parking on the affected streets to only vehicles with a valid permit and letters will be sent to residents with an anticipated enforcement target date (approximately one month after the installation of signs).

If the City Council approves the implementation of a residential permit parking only restriction on the subject streets, it is possible that the effect of this restriction would shift some parking intrusion onto other nearby streets. Therefore, the attached resolution provides the Transportation Services Manager with the authority to extend the limits of the permit parking area up to 1,000 feet in distance from the subject street, as necessary to address continued resident concerns. This action will be based on each “extended” area meeting the criteria in the Council adopted RPP guidelines including a qualifying petition.

ALTERNATIVES:

One alternative would be to not approve the resolution. However, this alternative would leave externally impacted streets of Joann Street and Federal Avenue without any residential permit parking restriction and will result in continued resident concerns for the lack of available street parking due to external parking intrusions.

FISCAL REVIEW:

If the resolution is approved, the annual operating costs of administering the program for this neighborhood zone are anticipated to be cost-neutral.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney’s Office has reviewed this report, prepared the proposed resolution and approves them both as to form.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

This project supports the following City Council goals:

- Achieve long-term fiscal sustainability.
- Strengthen the public’s safety and improve the quality of life.
- Advance environmental sustainability and climate resiliency.

CONCLUSION:

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