

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: April 7, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 34 Roll Call No. <u>14-0554</u> Communication No. <u>14-150</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code Regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows:

- A. Signage Changes Around McKee Education Center—Easton Boulevard and E 39th Street and E 39th Court.
- B. Parking Restrictions on the North Side of Grand Avenue between 15th Street and 16th Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendations, including first reading of the ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs for signing modifications.

Funding Source: 2014-2015 Operating Budget, Page 74 Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation – Sign Installation and Maintenance, EG062080.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Staff received a request from the Director at McKee Education Center to change the signage to match the current needs at the center. McKee was once an elementary school, but now serves as a preschool and alternative middle school. Drop Off and Pick Up times have changed and parking needs associated with a preschool are different than those of the previous use. The preschool parents must park and walk their child in and sign them in and out each day. This takes more time than just the standard pick up and drop off at a traditional school.

E 39th Street currently has parking prohibited at all times on the west side of the road. The east side of E 39th Street is signed “No Parking Bus Only from 7am-4pm.” The area immediately in front of the school doors, across from 2208 E 39th Street, is signed “Bus Parking Only.” E 39th Court currently has parking prohibited at all times on the east side of the road. The west side has a segment that is signed “Passenger Loading Only from 7am-5pm on School Days.” Easton Boulevard is currently signed “No Stopping or Standing 7am-5pm on School Days” on both sides from E 39th Street to E 39th Court.

Staff recommended that the “No Parking Bus Only from 7am-4pm” on E 39th Street and the

“Passenger Loading Only from 7am-5pm School Days” on E 39th Court be changed to “School Passenger Loading/Unloading, 7am-4pm School Days, 30-Minute Limit” to allow for the new parking needs at the McKee Education Center. The passenger loading/unloading area should also be expanded to just south of 2100 E 39th Street. The current “Bus Parking Only” in front of 2208 E 39th Street should remain as is.

The parking restrictions on Easton should be removed, as there are needs for more parking in this area now that the building serves as a preschool. A short no parking area near the existing pedestrian signal will be retained.

At their March 11, 2014 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these parking restrictions into effect.

Sec. 114-2912. East Thirty-ninth Street--Four Mile Drive to East Douglas Avenue.

East Thirty-ninth Street, on the east side, from a point 285 feet south of Easton Boulevard to a point ~~185~~ 305 feet south thereof, School passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to ~~54~~:00 p.m. school days. 30 min limit.

Sec. 114-3170. Easton Boulevard--East Twenty-ninth Street to east city limits.

~~Easton Boulevard, on both sides, from East Thirty-ninth Street to East Thirty-ninth Court, no stopping or standing 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~

Easton Boulevard, on both sides, from 85 feet east of East Thirty-ninth Street to 90 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

- B. The Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed the parking restrictions on Grand Avenue, related to several completed or proposed projects with significant streetscape components and the smaller traffic volumes on Grand Avenue related to the ongoing expansion of West M. L. King Jr. Parkway.

On the north side of Grand Avenue west of 15th Street, the sidewalk is very narrow and runs directly under a window at the adjacent business (The Gaslamp). This window is also opened during temperate weather. Because of the width of the sidewalk, this is not an appropriate place for metered parking. There is ongoing loading and unloading in this area related to restocking the Gaslamp or the bands that play there. The requested ordinance change removes one metered parking space and adds a 24-hour loading zone that is approximately 40-feet long from the no parking area west to an existing driveway. This would legitimize the loading and unloading of trucks and band equipment in this area, since it is already being used in this manner.

Sec. 114-3258. Grand Avenue--Fifteenth Street to Seventeenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the north side, from 30 feet west of Fifteenth Street to a point 70 feet west thereof, loading zone.

Sec. 114-4013.01. Grand Avenue--Fifteenth Street to Sixteenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point ~~30~~ 100 feet west of Fifteenth Street to a point 35 feet east of Sixteenth Street, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to ~~4:00 p.m.~~ 6:00 p.m.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: March 11, 2014

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: A motion was made by Carl McPherson to approve staff recommendation that the “No Parking Bus Only from 7am-4pm” on E 39th Street and the “Passenger Loading Only from 7am-5pm School Days” on E 39th Court be changed to “School Passenger Loading/Unloading, 7am-4pm School Days, 30-Minute Limit” to allow for the new parking needs at the McKee Education Center; seconded by Jim Windsor. Motion passed 5:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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