

2013 Council Study Issue

DPW 13-05 Policy on Placement of Street Amenities to Assure Comfortable Access for the Disabled

Lead Department Public Works

History **1 year ago** None **2 years ago** None

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

This study would seek to identify optimal layouts for street amenities such as sidewalks, streetlight poles, street trees and planter strips to provide a measure of comfort for disabled users of the street and sidewalks. These layouts could have ancillary benefits to non-disabled users by allowing more side-by-side walking, maneuverability of strollers, etc. This study would look at expanding City design standards beyond the minimums defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The study would consider recommendations for new roadway design standards.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

LT-5.5f Support an efficient and effective paratransit service and transportation facilities for people with special transportation needs.

LT5-11, The City should consider enhancing standards for pedestrian facilities.

3. Origin of issue

Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

4. Staff effort required to conduct study Moderate

Briefly explain the level of staff effort required

Work with BPAC to refine scope of study, prepare plan drawings and specifications.

5. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2013

6. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?

Does Council need to approve a work plan? No

Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? Yes

If so, which? Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No

7. Briefly explain if a budget modification will be required to study this issue

Amount of budget modification required 35000

Explanation

Consultant assistance would be required to research and identify new standards.

8. Briefly explain potential costs of implementing study results, note estimated capital and operating costs, as well as estimated revenue/savings, include dollar amounts

Are there costs of implementation? Yes

Explanation

To the extent that recommended amenities add costs to capital projects over and above what providing facilities that meet minimum accessibility standards, there may be an increase in capital project costs.

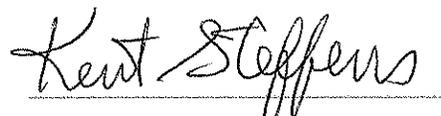
9. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Drop

If 'Support', 'Drop' or 'Defer', explain

Staff believes that existing standards are adequate and have been thoroughly vetted by the Federal government. Having standards different from minimum standards may cause confusion with contract project designers.

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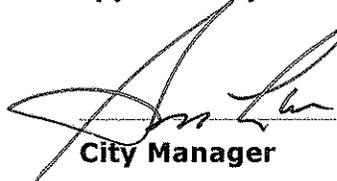


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