

Proposed Continuing Council Study Issue

Number DPW 1C
Status Above the line
Calendar Year 2009
Title Kaiser Hospital Access Study
Lead Department Public Works
Element or SubElement 1.0 Land Use and Transportation

1. What are the key elements of the issue?

At the Council meeting of November 20, 2007, representatives of the new Kaiser Hospital development in Santa Clara spoke of their interest in possible reconfigurations of traffic patterns and/or traffic signalization on Homestead road as a result of that development. Councilmembers Hamilton, Spitaleri and Lee supported a study issue paper for Council consideration.

Specific Council action taken in 1996 was to "approve a modified median barrier on Homestead Road which would allow left turns into Kaiser Hospital, but continue to preclude left turns from Kaiser Hospital onto Homestead Road." This action followed significant community outreach and numerous public meetings. The prohibition of a left turn onto Homestead was specifically intended to minimize impacts to adjacent Sunnyvale neighborhoods. The City did "reserve the right to reconsider its (1996) decision should the nature or intensity of the proposed project be changed." This study would investigate a change in traffic signalization, a left turn onto Homestead Road or reconsideration of traffic patterns in general. The scope of the analysis would include investigation of traffic distribution to and from all access points to the Kaiser facility, and consideration of new access points as an alternative to allowing left turns on Homestead Road or as an augmentation of allowing left turns onto Homestead Road, as suggested by Vice-Mayor Hamilton. Detailed historical information is available in RTC's 95-281 and 96-117.

2. Current Status:

Initiating traffic analysis. Schedule to be finalized pending Finance Department processing of contract documents. Estimate an April/ May 2009 time frame, dependent upon results of public outreach process, need for any enhanced response or additional outreach.

3. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

400

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours
Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1: 60 Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 60 Staff CY2: 0

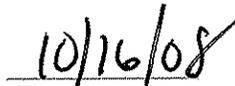
Total Hours CY1: 120

Total Hours CY2: 0

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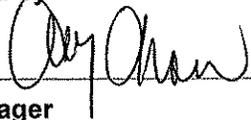


Department Director



Date

Approved by



City Manager

10/20/08
Date

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 01 School Transportation Demand Management Opportunities

Lead Department Public Works
Element or Sub-element Land Use and Transportation Element
New or Previous Previous
Status Pending **History** 1 year ago Below the line 2 years ago None

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

This study would look at appropriate levels of resources for the City to invest in encouraging Transportation Demand Management (TDM) for schools within the City. The study would look at interfaces between school district and City operations, and opportunities for the City to invoke regulations or encourage TDM to school commuters. The outcome of the study would be recommendations for policy, actions, and resources for a transportation demand management program targeted at City schools.

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

C3.5.1 Promote alternate modes of travel to the automobile.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)

General Plan

City Staff

Public

Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? Yes Planned Completion Year 2011**5. 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 Committee

Is a Council Study Session anticipated? Yes

What is the public participation process?

Outreach meetings with parents and school administrators.

BPAC public hearing, Council public hearing

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs

115 Transportation and Traffic

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

\$90,000.00

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

Professional engineering and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) expertise, facilitated public outreach.

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range \$51K - \$100K

Operating expenditure range \$51K - \$100K

New revenues/savings range None

Explain impact briefly

Should a TDM program be adopted, this could involve capital improvements to direct traffic or improve alternative transportation routes to schools. An ongoing program involving elements such as ridematching, walking school buses, or bike safety courses would require resources to manage the program, provide materials, etc.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Defer

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

There are currently no funds available for conducting this study issue, which would include hiring of engineering, TDM and/or public outreach consultants to assist with the work.

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

Managers	Role	Manager	Hours	
Lead		Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1: 150	Mgr CY2: 150
			Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Interdep		Carrion, Christopher	Mgr CY1: 0	Mgr CY2: 0
			Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Interdep		Moretto, Douglas	Mgr CY1: 100	Mgr CY2: 100
			Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Total Hours CY1: 250				
Total Hours CY2: 250				

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department

is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by

Maria Rose

Department Director

1/13/09

Date

Approved by

[Signature]

City Manager

1/14/09

Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank	Rank
	Rank	1 year ago	2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	6	6	6
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 02 Plan Line Study to Accommodate Bicyclists and Pedestrians

Lead Department	Public Works
Element or Sub-element	Land Use and Transportation Element, and City Bicycle Plan
New or Previous	Previous
Status	Pending History 1 year ago Dropped 2 years ago Deferred

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

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission would like to conduct a plan line study to investigate the need for establishing a policy that requires developers to dedicate private property to the City in order to allow implementation of planned bicycle and pedestrian related projects. The Bicycle Capital Improvement Program and the Sunnyvale Bicycle Plan have determined that there are a number of street segments where roadways would have to be widened to accommodate a Class II bicycle facility. This would include the following roadway segments:

1. Mathilda Avenue between Maude Avenue and Ahwanee Avenue
2. Pastoria Avenue between El Camino Real and Olive Avenue
3. Wolfe Road between Fremont Avenue and Maria Lane
4. Mary Avenue between Central Expressway and Maude Avenue
5. Maude Avenue between Pastoria Avenue and Wolfe Road
6. Fair Oaks Avenue between Maude Avenue and Ahwanee
7. Fair Oaks Avenue between Fair Oaks Way and Weddell Drive
8. Ahwanee Drive from Mathilda Avenue to Lawrence Expressway

The study would occur in 2 phases. Phase 1 would identify whether additional right-of-way is needed. If so, the study would identify the affected parcels, the type of land use, and the extent of property acquisition or dedication that would be required. As a result of phase 1 of this study, City Council would determine whether to proceed with the plan line adoption process for the above noted sections. Staff believes that a determination to acquire private property for bicycle and pedestrian facilities using a plan line process is a policy issue for the Council to consider. Phase I of the study would determine the potential impacts of such a policy.

Should Council decide to proceed with plan line adoption based on the information provided in phase 1, then the study would move to phase 2. This phase would include examination of issues such as utility relocation, tree removal, median modification, street reconstruction, mapping of affected properties, potential creation of non-conforming parcels, the legality of the right-of-way take, property owner compensation, comprehensive public outreach, and environmental impacts. This second phase of the study would result in the possible adoption of plan line for each identified segment.

It should be noted that this study issue was dropped by Council in 2007 (i.e., dropped from the 2008 review list). However, BPAC members believe in the importance of this matter and voted on bringing it forward for Council consideration in 2008.

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

BP.B2.a, City of Sunnyvale Bike Plan – Provide for bicyclists as part of roadway resurfacing and maintenance, road widening, new developments and property redevelopment. Notify

City Council if providing for bicycles appears to be infeasible.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)

General Plan

City Staff

Public

Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? Yes Planned Completion Year 2011

5. 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 Committee

Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No

What is the public participation process?
BPAC and Council Public Hearings.

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs

115 Transportation Operations

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

\$510,000.00

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

The funding would be used for engineering and planning services.

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range \$501K or more

Operating expenditure range None

New revenues/savings range None

Explain impact briefly

The project could result in plan lines for a number of street segments in order to widen the roadway to provide for Class II bicycle lanes and pedestrian sidewalks. Costs that could be associated with this project if it is approved would be related to right-of-way acquisition, construction, and utility relocation.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Defer

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

There are currently no funds available for hiring planning and engineering

expertise to assist with the analysis Phase 1 of the project. There are also no funds available for a potential implementation Phase 2 of the project which would involve right-of-way acquisition, as well as construction costs such as for relocation of utilities, relocation of sidewalks; curbs and gutters, relocation of trees and other landscaping, and establishment of Class II bike lanes.

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

1000

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours			
Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1:	20	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	160	Staff CY2:	0
Support	Kahn, David	Mgr CY1:	5	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	10	Staff CY2:	0
Support	Raina, Hira	Mgr CY1:	20	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	100	Staff CY2:	0
Support	Rogge, Mark	Mgr CY1:	20	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	160	Staff CY2:	0
Support	Ryan, Trudi	Mgr CY1:	10	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	20	Staff CY2:	0

Total Hours CY1: 525

Total Hours CY2: 0

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by



Department Director

1/13/09

Date

Approved by



City Manager

1/13/09

Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	1		1
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			
Board or Commission ranking comments			

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 03 Update/Review Corner Vision Triangle Municipal Code Ordinance

Lead Department Public Works

Element or Sub-element Land Use and Transportation Element and Bicycle Plan

New or Previous Previous

Status Pending **History** 1 year ago Below the line 2 years ago Below the line

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

At an intersection, the corner vision triangle is formed by measuring 40 feet from the property line of each of the intersecting streets. The driveway vision triangle is created by measuring 10 feet along the outer edge of a driveway and 10 feet along the back edge of a public sidewalk. Fences, hedges or any other obstructions more than 3 feet in height are prohibited in the vision triangles.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission would like to review the relevance and adequacy of the corner vision triangle in the Sunnyvale Municipal Code (SMC). The Commission believes that visibility at street intersections and driveways is extremely important for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, and that the current ordinance may not adequately ensure that adequate visibility is provided. For example, the current vision triangle ordinance does not take into consideration street curvature, intersection angle and type of control, and consistency with the Highway Design Manual. This issue was initiated because of a vision problem at the driveway that was constructed on Mathilda Avenue for the Cherry Orchard retail center.

Sunnyvale's policy does not presently allow for a sliding scale or reduction in the required vision triangles. Some cities, but not Sunnyvale, allow sight triangle encroachments based on the fence design. An open decorative type fence design would allow for the greatest visibility, and two prime examples of this style are wrought iron and open-type wood fences. In 2008, City Council decided to broaden the BPAC initiated study issue to examine the benefits of modifying the SMC by taking into account the openness or transparency of the fence in conjunction with the height of the fence.

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

Land Use and Transportation Element, C3 – Attain a transportation system that is effective, safe, pleasant, and convenient.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)

General Plan

City Staff

Public

Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? Yes Planned Completion Year 2010

5. 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 Committee, Planning Commission

Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No

What is the public participation process?
BPAC meetings and Planning Commission hearing

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs
115 Transportation Operations

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range None

Operating expenditure range None

New revenues/savings range None

Explain impact briefly

There would be no fiscal impact related to the recommendations in the Study.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours	
Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1: 50	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 100	Staff CY2: 0
Support	Kahn, David	Mgr CY1: 10	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 5	Staff CY2: 0
Support	Ryan, Trudi	Mgr CY1: 25	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 40	Staff CY2: 0

Total Hours CY1: 230

Total Hours CY2: 0

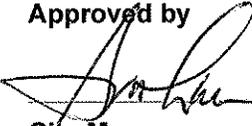
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Department Director

1/13/09
Date

Approved by


City Manager

1-14-09
Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Defer		5
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 04 Homestead Road Bike Lane Hours of Operation Review

Lead Department Public Works
Element or Sub-element Land Use and Transportation Element
New or Previous Previous
Status Pending **History** 1 year ago None 2 years ago Dropped

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

The bike lane along some segments of Homestead Road are currently limited to weekday daytime hours only (There is a parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays). The study issue would review impacts of the existing part time bike lane status on cyclists and enforcement needs. It would also analyze parking demand and supply along with the potential impacts of prohibiting parking at all times on the subject segments of Homestead Road. In addition, the study issue would consider alternatives to parking removal, such as travel lane removal and visitor only parking hours (no overnight).

It should be noted that this study issue was dropped by Council in 2006 (i.e., dropped from the 2007 review list). However, BPAC members believe in the importance of this matter and voted on bringing it forward for Council consideration in 2008.

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

The Bicycle Plan allows for the consideration of a part-time bicycle lane to be installed at locations where full-time parking removal would be difficult.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)

General Plan

City Staff

Public

Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009**5. 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 Committee

Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No

What is the public participation process?

BPAC meetings and at least two neighborhood meetings.

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs

115 Transportation Operation

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range \$51K - \$100K

Operating expenditure range None

New revenues/savings range None

Explain impact briefly

Should City Council choose to establish a parking prohibition in effect at all times along the bike lanes, the City will have to remove and replace the existing signs and possibly some striping in order to reflect the regulation changes.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Against Study

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

This issue was studied and resolved by City Council at the January 27, 1998 meeting. Staff does not believe that there are circumstances present that warrant further study in the area.

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

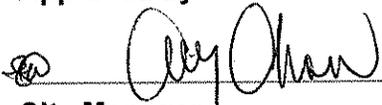
Managers	Role	Manager			Hours
	Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1:	20	Mgr CY2: 0
			Staff CY1:	200	Staff CY2: 0
	Total Hours CY1: 220				
	Total Hours CY2: 0				

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by

Marvin A. Ross
Department Director

10/6/08
Date

Approved by

City Manager

10/9/08
Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Defer		
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			
Board or Commission ranking comments			

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 05 Suitable Bicycle Schemes for Office, Shopping Centers and Entertainment Venues

Lead Department Public Works
Element or Sub-element Land Use and Transportation Element
New or Previous New
Status Pending **History** 1 year ago None 2 years ago None

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

This study would review current design standards and guidelines (such as provisions of the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines) relative to the City development review practices. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission is concerned with some design shortfalls when providing bicycle parking. These include physical obstructions that restrict access to the bicycle lockers/racks, lack of adequate lighting, and use of storage space for other than bicycle parking. It is also believed that employers that allow employees to bring their bicycles into the work place may not be required to provide bicycle parking. The study would result in recommending design standards with regard to bicycle parking.

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

C3.5 Support a variety of transportation modes.
 C3.5.4 Maximize the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)
General Plan
City Staff
Public
Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009**5. 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 Committee, Planning Commission
Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
What is the public participation process?

BPAC meetings and Planning Commission hearing.

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs

115 Transportation Operation

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range None

Operating expenditure range None

New revenues/savings range None

Explain impact briefly

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

Managers	Role	Manager	Hours			
Lead	Witthaus, Jack		Mgr CY1:	40	Mgr CY2:	0
			Staff CY1:	100	Staff CY2:	0
Support	Ryan, Trudi		Mgr CY1:	20	Mgr CY2:	0
			Staff CY1:	50	Staff CY2:	0
Total Hours CY1:			210			
Total Hours CY2:			0			

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

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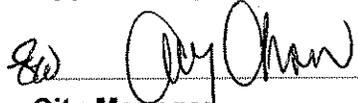
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Department Director

10/6/08

Date

Approved by



City Manager

10/9/08

Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Tie 3 & 4		
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 06 Impacts of Traffic Calming Devices on Cyclists

Lead Department Public Works
Element or Sub-element Land Use and Transportation Element
New or Previous New
Status Pending **History** 1 year ago None 2 years ago None

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

Bulbouts that were provided at Mary Avenue/Blair Avenue raised this concern. The study issue is to review impacts of the different traffic calming devices on cyclists, as well as recommend design and operational alterations to establish traffic calming devices that are more bicyclist friendly. This study issue may also result in alterations and/or additions to the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Handbook.

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

C3 - Attain a transportation system that is effective, safe, pleasant and convenient.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)
General Plan
City Staff
Public
Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009**5. 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 Committee
Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
What is the public participation process?
 BPAC meetings and additional community outreach.

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs
Project Budget covering costs
Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range None
Operating expenditure range None
New revenues/savings range None
Explain impact briefly

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

Managers	Role	Manager	Hours
	Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1: 45 Mgr CY2: 0 Staff CY1: 140 Staff CY2: 0
Total Hours CY1: 185			
Total Hours CY2: 0			

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by
Marzella Rose
Department Director

10/6/08
Date

Approved by
Andy Chan
City Manager

10/9/08
Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Defer		
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 07 Evaluate and Consider Implementation of the Stevens Creek Trail Extension Currently Proposed by the City of Los Altos

Lead Department	Public Works		
Element or Sub-element	Land Use and Transportation Element and Bicycle Plan		
New or Previous	New		
Status	Pending	History	1 year ago None 2 years ago None

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

The City of Los Altos is currently considering five alternatives for extending the Stevens Creek Trail, with the preferred alternative conflicting with a City policy established in 1994 (Council Policy 2.2.C.5.) precluding the provision of a trail within the Stevens Creek corridor on the Sunnyvale side. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission concluded that:

- Revisiting the 1994 policy is necessary to make the Los Altos project and overall trail extension work;
- The section crossing on the Sunnyvale side is only 1/8 of a mile in length, which is considered a very short section relative to the overall trail extension;
- There are significant differences between the trail alignment that was under consideration in 1994 and prompted the community objections and Policy 2.2.C.5, relative to the trail alignment currently under consideration; and,
- Should Los Altos City Council decide to proceed with the preferred alternative, this will generate the need for Sunnyvale to proceed with its review as soon as possible not to become the pinch point in the overall project.

The study of this issue would result in a recommendation for Council consideration on whether or not to change the 1994 policy, subject to the outcomes of: A comprehensive community consultation process, consultation with Caltrans; the Water District and other agencies, topographic surveys, technical and environmental analysis, and design feasibility.

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

Council Policy 2.2.C.4., Support a regional trail system by coordinating with adjacent jurisdictions to facilitate trail connections wherever possible.

Bicycle Plan BPA.3, Expand Sunnyvale's network of off street bicycle and pedestrian paths for recreation and utility cycling by facilitating bicycle access to the Baylands and along flood control channels.

Land Use and Transportation Element R1.2, Support coordinated regional transportation system planning and improvements.

Land Use and Transportation Element R1.9.1, Support state and regional efforts to provide High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, ridesharing, mass transit service, bicycling, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

Land Use and Transportation Element C3.5.4, Maximize the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Land Use and Transportation Element N.1.3.2, Study the adequacy/deficiency of bicycle and pedestrian access and circulation within neighborhoods.

3. Origin of issue

- Council Member(s)**
- General Plan**
- City Staff**
- Public**
- Board or Commission** Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? Yes Planned Completion Year 2010

5. 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 Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission
- Is a Council Study Session anticipated?** No
- What is the public participation process?**
BPAC meetings, Parks and Recreation Commission hearing, and other community outreach initiated by City of Sunnyvale staff.

6. Cost of Study

- Operating Budget Program covering costs**
115 Transportation Operation
- Project Budget covering costs**
- Budget modification \$ amount needed for study**
\$90,000.00
- Explain below what the additional funding will be used for**
The funding would be used for engineering and planning services.

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

- Capital expenditure range** \$51K - \$100K
- Operating expenditure range** \$51K - \$100K
- New revenues/savings range** None

Explain impact briefly
Listed fiscal impacts are associated with required studies prior to a potential change to City Policy 2.2.C.5. At this point it is not clear if fund for a trail connection would be provided by the City of Sunnyvale, City of Los Altos, Caltrans, and/or VTA.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Defer

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

To form a conclusion, this study issue will require conducting topographic surveys, technical analysis, environmental analysis, and public consultation. There are presently no funds available for retaining environmental, engineering, and/or community outreach consultants to assist with the required work.

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

200

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours	
Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1: 80	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 200	Staff CY2: 0

Total Hours CY1: 280

Total Hours CY2: 0

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by



Department Director

1/13/09

Date

Approved by



City Manager

1-14-09

Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank Rank 1 year ago	Rank Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission		
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	2	
Board of Building Code Appeals		
Board of Library Trustees		
Child Care Advisory Board		
Heritage Preservation Commission		
Housing and Human Services Commission		
Parks and Recreation Commission		
Personnel Board		
Planning Commission		
Board or Commission ranking comments		

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 08 Reprioritization of Underground Utility Projects

Lead Department Public Works
Element or Sub-element Community Development, Community Design
New or Previous Previous
Status Pending **History** 1 year ago Below the line 2 years ago None

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

Council Member Moylan has suggested that where a utility company is providing new facilities for their infrastructure that the City reprioritize its Rule 20 project list to offer the formation of an underground utility district for the purpose of under grounding the new facilities as well as all existing facilities with the use of the City's Rule 20 allocation. This would be a voluntary program to provide incentives for the early conversion of overhead utilities to underground. The study would look at any legal or institutional obstacles to this type of program and assess the willingness of the utility companies to participate in such a program. This study issue fell below the line in 2008. Therefore, it is being carried forward for reconsideration in the 2009 study issue process. The work would be included as part of the 3-year Rule 20a process.

Background Information on Rule 20:

Rule 20A funds are allocated to Cities from utility company revenues as required by the State Public Utility Commission to pay for undergrounding of their existing overhead utilities along major streets and in downtown areas. Local agencies establish underground utility districts in accordance with Rule 20 provisions. Projects are designed, coordinated, and constructed by PG&E. The City must pay to underground its own facilities and any costs beyond applicable and available Rule 20 funds.

The current program allows use of the City's allocation of Rule 20A to underground utilities within a district established by the City through a qualified prioritization process. The latest prioritization list was approved by the City Council on November 14, 2006 (RTC No. 06-344).

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

2.5 Community Design - Goals, Policies and Action Statements
 GOAL B: Create an attractive street environment which will compliment private and public properties and be comfortable for residents and visitors.
Policy B.3 Minimize elements which clutter the roadway and look unattractive.

Action Statements

B.3a. Maintain the requirements for undergrounding overhead utility wires.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s) Moylan
General Plan
City Staff
Public
Board or Commission none

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009**5. 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?
 Planning Commission
Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
What is the public participation process?
 Hold meetings with the public and affected utility companies prior to the development of any new policy.

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs
Project Budget covering costs
Budget modification \$ amount needed for study
Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range \$501K or more
Operating expenditure range None
New revenues/savings range None
Explain impact briefly
 This policy could accelerate or slow the process on the use of the City's Rule 20 funds. At this time, it is unknown what fiscal impact this change in policy may have on the City.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None
If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

0

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours	
Lead	Rogge, Mark	Mgr CY1: 20	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Support	Raina, Hira	Mgr CY1: 30	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Interdep	Ryan, Trudi	Mgr CY1: 10	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0

Total Hours CY1: 60
Total Hours CY2: 0

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by

Maria A. Rose

Department Director

1/14/09

Date

Approved by

Jim Lane

City Manager

1/14/09

Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank	Rank
	Rank	1 year ago	2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee			
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 09 Coordinate Street Space Allocation Policy with Road Construction

Lead Department Public Works
Element or Sub-element Land Use and Transportation Element
New or Previous New
Status Pending **History** 1 year ago None 2 years ago None

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

This study issue is to review the feasibility of coordinating between the newly approved policy on street space allocation and the implementation of the Bicycle Plan, capital improvement projects and road maintenance/resurfacing projects. The study would result in a new policy that require this work coordination based on identification of feasible means for the coordination.

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

C3, Attain a transportation system that is effective, safe, pleasant and convenient.

C3.5, Support a variety of transportation modes.

C3.5.4, Maximize the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

C3.5.1, Promote alternate modes of travel to the automobile.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)

General Plan

City Staff

Public

Board or Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009

5. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?

Does Council need to approve a work plan?

No

Does this issue require review by a

Yes

Board/Commission?

If so, which?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Is a Council Study Session anticipated?

No

What is the public participation process?

BPAC meetings.

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs

115 Transportation and Traffic Operation

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Co

Capital expenditure range None

Operating expenditure range \$500 - \$50K

New revenues/savings range None

Explain impact briefly

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Against Study

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

This is an operational issue, and the procedure desired by the BPAC will already be taken into account by staff. The BPAC chair has indicated that they will reconsider this issue and likely drop it at their October meeting.

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

Managers

Role	Manager			Hours
Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1:	30	Mgr CY2: 0
		Staff CY1:	60	Staff CY2: 0

Total Hours CY1: 90

Total Hours CY2: 0

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should

note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by

Marv Ros

Department Director

10/6/08

Date

Approved by

Olly Chow

City Manager

10/9/08

Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Tie 3 & 4		
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			
Board or Commission ranking comments			

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 10 Caltrain Community Wall Benefit Assessment District Study

Lead Department Public Works
Element or Sub-element 3.6 Noise
New or Previous Previous
Status Pending **History** 1 year ago Below the line 2 years ago Deferred

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

A resident of the neighborhood north of the Sunnyvale Caltrain station is concerned about noise levels in the neighborhood. He believes that the quality of life is being compromised by train noise and noise from the Multimodal station. Recent studies show that noise levels exceed federal standards at a small number of locations within the neighborhood, but federal law does not require railroads to mitigate railroad noise. This study would evaluate logistics and gauge community support for creation of a benefit assessment district to fund construction of a community wall or other appropriate noise attenuation to address noise issues in the neighborhood.

This was a 2006 Study Issue that fell below the line and deferred in 2007.

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

Noise Sub Element 3.6B Preserve and enhance the quality of neighborhoods by maintaining or reducing the levels of noise generated by transportation facilities (transportation noise).

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)
General Plan
City Staff Public Works
Public
Board or Commission none

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009**5. 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? No
If so, which?
Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
What is the public participation process?
 Neighborhood meetings, Council public hearing

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs
 115 Transportation Operation
Project Budget covering costs
Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range \$101K - \$500K
 Operating expenditure range None
 New revenues/savings range \$101K - \$500K

Explain impact briefly

Study may result in a benefit assessment district that would generate revenue to construct sound attenuation.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

40

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours			
Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1:	250	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	100	Staff CY2:	0
Interdep	Balbo, Therese	Mgr CY1:	200	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	200	Staff CY2:	0

Total Hours CY1: 750

Total Hours CY2: 0

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by



Department Director

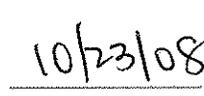


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Approved by



City Manager



Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee			
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

DPW 11 Heritage Neighborhood North of Caltrain Parking Management Study

Lead Department Public Works

Element or Sub-element Land Use and Transportation Element

New or Previous Previous

Status Pending **History** 1 year ago Below the line 2 years ago None

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

This study would perform a detailed analysis of parking management alternatives for the neighborhood north of the Sunnyvale Caltrain station, including residential permit parking. The purpose of the study would be to address resident concerns regarding parking supply and intrusion of Caltrain commuter parking demand on neighborhood housing frontages. This study would specifically include investigation of the feasibility and logistics of implementing a permit system exempting residents from parking restrictions, as suggested by Council Member Whittum. This study would be more involved than a typical supply and demand strategy and would potentially identify new or creative parking management alternatives. Staff believes this is a policy issue because it would look at a range of potential parking management "solutions", and the Muni Code places the decision to install permit parking schemes on the City Council.

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

N1.5.3 Discourage non-neighborhood traffic from using residential neighborhood streets by accommodating traffic demand on city-wide and regional streets.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s) Council action at the meetings of 9/11/07 & 1/8/08

General Plan

City Staff

Public

Board or Commission none

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009

5. 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? No

If so, which?

Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No

What is the public participation process?
Neighborhood outreach meeting

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs

115 Transportation and Traffic Operations

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range \$500 - \$50K

Operating expenditure range \$500 - \$50K

New revenues/savings range None

Explain impact briefly

Should parking regulations change or a parking by permit system be implemented, there would be costs for manufacturing and maintaining new signs throughout the neighborhood. Permit parking will require ongoing administrative costs for issuing permits as well.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Against Study

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

Current City policy provides sufficient support for a variety of parking programs in residential neighborhoods that may be impacted by adjacent uses. Permit parking can be implemented if the majority of residents in the area want that. Although there are varying opinions, input from area residents indicates that the majority of area residents would not support permit parking, and support time limits to reduce commuter parking on residential streets.

Permit parking would need to provide verification of residency, and limited permits per household to be effective, and to prevent creating a saleable commodity within the public right-of-way. Eliminating parking restrictions would result in greater impact of commuter parking and traffic on residential streets.

The particular controls and methodology to control parking is an operational issue rather than a policy decision. The City Council may choose to change the current city policy to: remove parking restrictions altogether, prohibit parking, or create metered parking. In this case, staff would have to study the impacts that such policy change would have either using the existing parking evaluation or a new review.

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

Managers	Role	Manager	Hours	
	Lead	Witthaus, Jack	Mgr CY1: 60	Mgr CY2: 0
			Staff CY1: 100	Staff CY2: 0
	Total Hours CY1: 160			
	Total Hours CY2: 0			

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by

Maurice A. Rose

Department Director

1/13/09

Date

Approved by

Ray Lewis

City Manager

1/14/09

Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank
	Rank	1 year ago
		2 years ago
Arts Commission		
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee		
Board of Building Code Appeals		
Board of Library Trustees		
Child Care Advisory Board		
Heritage Preservation Commission		
Housing and Human Services Commission		
Parks and Recreation Commission		
Personnel Board		
Planning Commission		

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact



**CITY OF SUNNYVALE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

January 15, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Marvin Rose, Director of Public Works *MAP*
THROUGH: Gary Luebbers, City Manager *gary*
SUBJECT: 7-Hour Parking Limits North of Hendy Avenue

At the Public Hearing for Study Issues on January 6, a resident raised concerns about the 7-hour parking limitation in the area north of the CalTrain Station. I thought that it would be helpful for the City Council to have some background information on this issue and information about staff's interaction with residents in the neighborhood. The 7-hour parking limit in the area north of Hendy Avenue adjacent to the CalTrain Station predates anyone in the Public Works Transportation and Traffic Division. Staff has no records of when it was installed. Records dating back to the 1960's indicate that the regulations were in place at that time for the purpose of discouraging train commuters from parking in the neighborhood. The 7-hour limit is posted and enforced on Murphy and Francis from Hendy to California and on Taaffe, Angel, San Andreas and Beemer all north of Hendy in the area of the CalTrain Station.

The 7-hour limit has been effective in reducing or eliminating the CalTrain commuters from parking in this neighborhood at residential frontages. Surveys taken in 2007 implied that users of the CalTrain station were parking in front of the four to six southernmost residences on Frances Street, and some residences on the north side of Hendy Avenue. Informal windshield surveys show that there is available street parking throughout the rest of neighborhood. Since creation of parking enforcement officer positions, the 7-hour limit has been regularly enforced, further discouraging long term parking.

Residents and property owners in the neighborhood were polled in 2005 to gauge support for changing the parking restrictions in the area. That poll showed that a majority of residents favored retaining the existing restrictions, or making them more restrictive.

In 2006, approval was granted to improve pedestrian access from Hendy Avenue to the CalTrain station. CalTrain, in cooperation with the City of Sunnyvale and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, constructed a formal, ADA compliant pedestrian path. In approving the City's participation in this project, the City Council directed staff to study conditions at the site six months following completion of the project. Staff conducted site visits and a parking analysis, and held a community meeting. A number of issues were identified related to the access and the surrounding area, including changes to parking regulations. Some residents perceive that the 7-hour regulation is not entirely effective, particularly on the southernmost segment of Frances Street near Hendy Avenue and on the north side of Hendy Avenue. Some residents have also indicated that the 7-hour restriction unduly punishes them by restricting their ability to park in front of their homes. Some residents believe that a permit parking system is necessary to eliminate use of on-street parking for long periods of time by train commuters, and to preserve residents' ability to park in front of their homes. Some residents believe that these restrictions are a remnant of a time when cannery workers at the Libby plant attempted to park in the neighborhood, and that the restrictions are no longer necessary.

In a September 11, 2007 Report to Council, staff presented follow-up on all issues to either resolve or answer concerns, or identify further actions that can be taken. On the issue of parking regulations, staff suggested that further detailed study and outreach could be conducted to determine if a more effective parking management scheme, potentially including residential permit parking, should be implemented. The City Council at that time sponsored a Study Issue titled "Parking Management Alternatives for the Heritage District Neighborhood North of the CalTrain Tracks" to look at these options. In the 2008 Study Issue process this item was ranked relatively low in priority and fell below the line for the work that could be completed by the Public Works Department in the 2008 calendar year.

Given the lack of support for permit parking in the neighborhood and the general support for the 7-hour parking, staff will be recommending that the City Council not dedicate any additional staff or City Council time in studying this issue in 2009.

Currently, the City does not have any residential permit parking programs. We have periodically had requests for permit parking in the past, but after explaining how the program works, residents have decided not to pursue permit parking. That has been the case in this area north of the CalTrain Station as well. This is generally due to the impact on residents of the permit system and their inability to easily have guests visit their residence. Other alternatives could include modification of the length or hours of the current 7 hour restriction but there has not been support from a majority of the residents in this neighborhood for this type of change in the past.