




Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

November 12, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works

Subject: Extend Residential Preferential Parking Permit Program on Two Blocks Along Bancroft Way and Wheeler Street

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Section 25C and 25J of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend Residential Preferential Permit Parking on two blocks along Bancroft Way and Wheeler Street.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding is available in the FY 2014 General Fund (010) for Transportation Traffic Maintenance for a total expenditure of \$1,050.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In conformance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050(A)(1), residents submitted the qualifying number of signatures (exceeding 51%) on petitions to “opt-in” to the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the street sections listed below. These blocks are included in the existing residential Study Area boundaries covered by the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the City Council in September 1988, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

1. Bancroft Way: currently there is no RPP control on either side of Bancroft between Roosevelt Avenue and McGee Avenue. A petition was received from both sides of the street.
2. Wheeler Street: currently there is no RPP control on either side of Wheeler between Russell Street and Ashby Ave. A petition was received from both sides of the street.

Staff verified that at least 51% of the residential addresses signed the petition to “opt-in” to the RPP Program, and 75% of the curb spaces were occupied during mid-morning and mid-afternoon observation periods at all locations.

The addition of both sides of these two blocks along Bancroft and Wheeler to the existing RPP Areas C and J will have a minimum impact to enforcement capabilities. However, each RPP addition tends to result in slightly diminished enforcement for all existing permit areas.

### BACKGROUND

Expansion of the RPP Program was approved by the City Council in February 1989, after certifying the associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The analysis was done for a Study Area as shown on the Map of Residential Permit Parking Zones (Attachment 3), and 14 RPP areas (A-N) have been designated to date. While permit parking has been established for the majority of blocks within the EIR study area, there are approximately 300 blocks that do not, as yet, have permit parking restrictions.

The RPP Program allows for residents to petition the City to “opt-in” or “opt-out” of the Program. The process requires submittal of a petition containing the names of residents from at least 51% of the dwellings with addresses along the affected block, and a parking survey of the blocks showing that 75% of the available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods. In addition, the block petitioning to opt-in should be included in the existing residential Study Area boundaries covered by the EIR certified by the Council in September 1988, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could leave these streets with unrestricted parking. However, in the past, Council has routinely approved the “opting in” of blocks where the requisite number of households has signed a petition requesting RPP control, and where the parking utilization exceeds 75%.

### CONTACT PERSON

Farid Javandel, Transportation Manager, Public Works, 981-7010  
Matthew Cotterill, Traffic Engineering Assistant, Public Works, 981-6433

#### Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Public Hearing Notice
3. Map of Residential Permit Parking Zones

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM ON TWO BLOCKS ALONG  
BANCROFT WAY AND WHEELER STREET

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050.A.1, Designation of a Residential Permit Parking Area, allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the program and requires submittal of a petition containing the signatures of residents from at least 51% of the dwellings; and

WHEREAS, residents of at least 51% of the dwellings on the following blocks have petitioned to "opt-in" to Residential Permit Parking:

1. both sides of Bancroft Way between Roosevelt and McGee Avenue;
2. both sides of Wheeler Street between Russell Street and Ashby Avenue;

and City staff concurs; and

WHEREAS, staff has conducted field observations to determine that at least 75% of the available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods; and

WHEREAS, the designation of these blocks as a residential permit parking area will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing in the area designated; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY 2014 General Fund (010) for Transportation Traffic Maintenance for a total expenditure of \$1,050.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following subsections of Section 25 of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. are hereby added to read as follows:

Section 25C BANCROFT WAY, both sides, between Roosevelt Avenue and McGee Avenue

Section 25J WHEELER STREET, both sides, between Russell Street and Ashby Avenue

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2134 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY  
EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Public Works Department is proposing to conduct a public hearing and, if recommendations are approved, adopt a Resolution amending Sections 25C and 25J of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend residential permit parking on both sides of Bancroft Way Street between Roosevelt and McGee Avenue, and on both sides of Wheeler Street between Russell Street and Ashby Avenue.

The Residential Permit Parking Program allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the Program. Complying with the requirements, residents of the blocks now being considered for opting into the Residential Permit Parking Program have submitted the qualifying signatures on petitions and also have at least 75% of the curb spaces occupied during the morning and mid-afternoon observation periods. Adding blocks within the existing residential study area boundaries through evaluations by an EIR study certified on September 27, 1988, and in accordance with California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, are categorically exempt as defined by Section 15.162(c).

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at [www.CityofBerkeley.info](http://www.CityofBerkeley.info) as of **October 31, 2013**.

For further information, please contact **Matthew Cotterill, Traffic Engineering Assistant**.

Written comments should be mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet.

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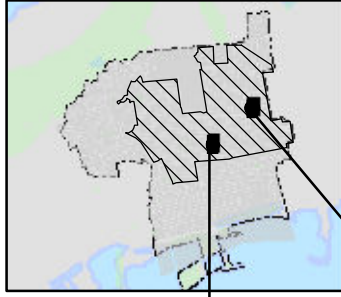
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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on October 31, 2013.

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Mark Numainville, CMC, City Clerk

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# ATTACHMENT 3



RPP Area Boundary

Eligible Addresses



This map is for reference purposes only. Care was taken in the creation of this map, but it is provided "AS IS". Please contact the City of Berkeley to verify map information or to report any errors.

September 5, 2013



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