



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A 20-FOOT “NO PARKING” ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS NORTH OF THE BELMONT LIBRARY DRIVEWAY AT 1110 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS AND REMOVAL OF THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE WEST SIDE OF ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS BETWEEN THE BELMONT LIBRARY AND VALERGA DRIVE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) has received requests from Belmont Library patrons to improve the sight distance for vehicles making left turns out of the library parking lot and establish additional on-street parking to accommodate the needs of the Belmont residents using the library.

Background

The PTSC received a request from the library patrons to improve the sight distance on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway. When cars are parked at the driveway on Alameda de las Pulgas, drivers exiting the library parking lot do not have adequate sight distance to safely cross and merge into the northbound lane of traffic. Staff also received a request to establish additional parking on Alameda de las Pulgas in order to accommodate Belmont residents using the library.

Discussion

The PTSC conducted a field survey, evaluated the current sight distance in connection with the transportation standards of the street design, checked the collision history for the past 5 years and reviewed speed and volume data collected on Alameda de las Pulgas between Carlmont Shopping Center and Valerga Drive. During the PTSC meeting, staff presented their findings and discussed options. City staff calculated the safe stopping distance for a vehicle traveling on Alameda de las Pulgas to safely recognize and react to vehicles exiting the library driveway. The existing sight distance is 90 feet. The safe stopping sight distance for the vehicles traveling on Alameda de las Pulgas is 200 feet.

There have been four traffic collisions reported on Alameda de las Pulgas at this location within a previous 5-year period. The newly opened library will attract more pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Therefore, measures need to be taken to provide safe ingress and egress for library

visitors. The installation of a 20-foot red zone (one parking space) immediately north of the library driveway will improve the safe stopping distance to 200 feet.

The Samtrans has established a new bus stop approximately 215 feet north from the library driveway. Samtrans originally wanted to place the stop immediately adjacent to the stairs to the library entrance. Samtrans will place appropriate pavement markings outlining the extent of the bus stop (approximately 60 feet of no parking zone).

The PTSC revised plans to increase parking in this area. The removal of existing parking restrictions between the library driveway and Valerga Drive will add 8-9 spaces.

City staff has previously taken this matter to the City Council. The item was postponed because of concerns raised by Joan Peceimer. The Public Works Director has talked with Joan Peceimer regarding the proposed restriction of parking north of the Library driveway and the removal of restrictions of parking south of the driveway to Valegra Drive. After an explanation of the need for improved site distance, Joan indicated that she understands the need for the sight distance, though is not excited about it. She is glad that there is going to be a net increase in parking of approximately 7 to 8 spaces between the Library and Valegra Drive. Overall, she believes the net increase of parking will offset the installation of the 20 feet of red curb for improved sight distance.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs. Costs will be paid from the existing appropriation in the FY 2007 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda and mailing notices to the residents within a 300-foot radius.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving establishment of a 20-foot “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas and remove parking restrictions on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas between the fire hydrant located on the south side of the Belmont Library driveway extending north to Valerga Drive.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A – Map of Location

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received requests from Belmont Library patrons to remove one parking space on the north side of the Belmont Library driveway to improve a sight distance problem and establish additional on-street parking to accommodate the needs of the Belmont residents; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC reviewed this complaint, performed a field investigation, checked accident data, and presented findings at the PTSC meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC recommends approving establishment of a 20-foot “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas and remove parking restrictions on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas between the fire hydrant located on the south side of the Belmont Library driveway extending north to Valerга Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves establishment of a 20-foot “No Parking” zone on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas north of the Belmont Library driveway located at 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas and removal of the parking restrictions on the west side of Alameda de las Pulgas between the fire hydrant located on the south side of the Belmont Library driveway extending north to Valerга Drive.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on July 25, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

