



Office of the City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

June 16, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Phillip Harrington, Director, Public Works

Subject: Implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the 2900 Block of Lorina Street and the 3100 Block of Deakin Street

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. Section 25J and Section 25M by adding a subsection to implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) on the east side of the 2900 block of Lorina Street in RPP Area N and both sides of the 3100 block of Deakin Street in Area M.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding of \$2,000 for RPP street signage installation is subject to appropriation in the FY 2021 budget in the General Fund (011-54-622-664-0000-000-431-513110- and 011-54-622-664-0000-000-431-642990-).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Within the past few months, residents on the 2900 block of Lorina Street, and the 3100 block of Deakin Street, both of which are in RPP eligible areas, submitted petitions to join the RPP Program. The areas that would join the Program are shown in Attachment 3:

1. In Area J: East side of the 2900 block of Lorina Street between Russell Street and Ashby Avenue.
2. In Area M: Both sides of the 3100 block of Deakin Street between Prince Street and Woolsey Street

In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 14.72.050(A)(1), staff verified that residents submitted signatures on qualifying petitions representing a numerical majority of dwellings wishing to “opt-in” to the RPP for the street section listed in the attached Resolution. Staff verified that at least 75% of the curb spaces were occupied during mid-morning and mid-afternoon observation periods at the locations.

The addition of one side of one block in Area J and both sides of one block in area M should have a minimal impact on enforcement capabilities, as RPP restrictions are

already in place on surrounding blocks. Each new addition to the RPP Program, however, tends to result in slightly diminished enforcement for all other existing permit areas, due to parking enforcement officers having slightly larger areas to patrol.

Please note: as of the writing of this report, RPP parking enforcement was temporarily suspended due to the Shelter-In-Place order, and permit sales for Fiscal Year 2021 may be delayed.

BACKGROUND

The RPP Program was instituted in 1980 (1) to protect Berkeley residential neighborhoods from an influx of non-resident vehicles and related traffic; (2) to assure continued quality of life for residents; and (3) to provide neighborhood parking for residents. The Program limits parking for vehicles not displaying an RPP permit in most RPP areas to two hours, and reserves available daytime parking for residents, between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on some blocks Saturday.

The RPP Program currently allows residents within RPP program boundaries to petition the City to “opt-in” or “opt-out” of the Program. The process to install RPP controls requires submittal of a petition signed by residents (including tenants of rental properties) of at least 51% of dwellings sited along the affected block, and a parking survey of those blocks that shows at least 75% of available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods.

The RPP Program is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to be a customer-focused organization that provides excellent, timely, easily-accessible service and information to the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Expansion of the RPP Program to include additional blocks may have a minor beneficial environmental effect. It may reduce greenhouse gases generated by commuters searching for parking who “cold start” their vehicles (i.e., moving a car without warming up the engine), or by drivers moving their cars to new locations after the two-hour parking limit expires. Incremental expansion of the RPP Program may also make alternative transportation options more attractive. A modal shift by commuters to walking, bicycling, public transportation, or carpooling may also lead to a decrease in greenhouse gasses.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Because the required number of households on the subject blocks have signed a petition, and as parking surveys show more than 75% occupancy of curbside parking, these blocks meet the requirements set forth by the BMC for inclusion into the RPP Program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council may allow unrestricted parking to remain on these streets. However, Council has previously approved the “opting in” of blocks where the requisite number of households signed a petition requesting RPP control, and where the parking utilization exceeds 75%.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Public Hearing Notice
3. Map of Street Sections Opting Into Program

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

IMPLEMENT RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING (RPP) PROGRAM ON 2900
BLOCK OF LORINA STREET AND THE 3100 BLOCK OF DEAKIN STREET

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

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

1. East side of the 2900 block of Lorina Street between Russell Street and Ashby Avenue;
2. Both sides of the 3100 block of Deakin Street between Prince Street and Woolsey Street; and

WHEREAS, staff has conducted field observations and determined at least 75% of 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, the \$2,000 implementation cost is subject to appropriation in the FY 2021 budget in the General Fund 011 for Transportation Traffic Maintenance.

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 25J LORINA STREET, east side between Russell Street and Ashby Avenue

Section 25M DEAKIN STREET, both sides between Prince Street and Woolsey Street

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Department of Public Works is proposing to conduct a public hearing and, if recommendations are approved, adopt a Resolution amending Section 25J and Section 25M of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding a subsection to extend residential preferential parking on the east side of the 2900 block of Lorina Street between Russell Street and Ashby Avenue and both sides of the 3100 block of Deakin Street between Prince Street and Woolsey Street.

The Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the Program. Complying with program requirements, residents of the block under consideration for opting into the RPP Program have submitted the qualifying signatures on a petition and also have at least 75% of the curb spaces occupied during the morning and mid-afternoon observation periods. Adding a block 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).

The hearing will be held on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at www.CityofBerkeley.info as of **June 4, 2020**. **Once posted, the agenda for this meeting will include a link for public participation using Zoom video technology.**

For further information, please contact Matthew Cotterill, Assistant Planner at (510) 981-6433.

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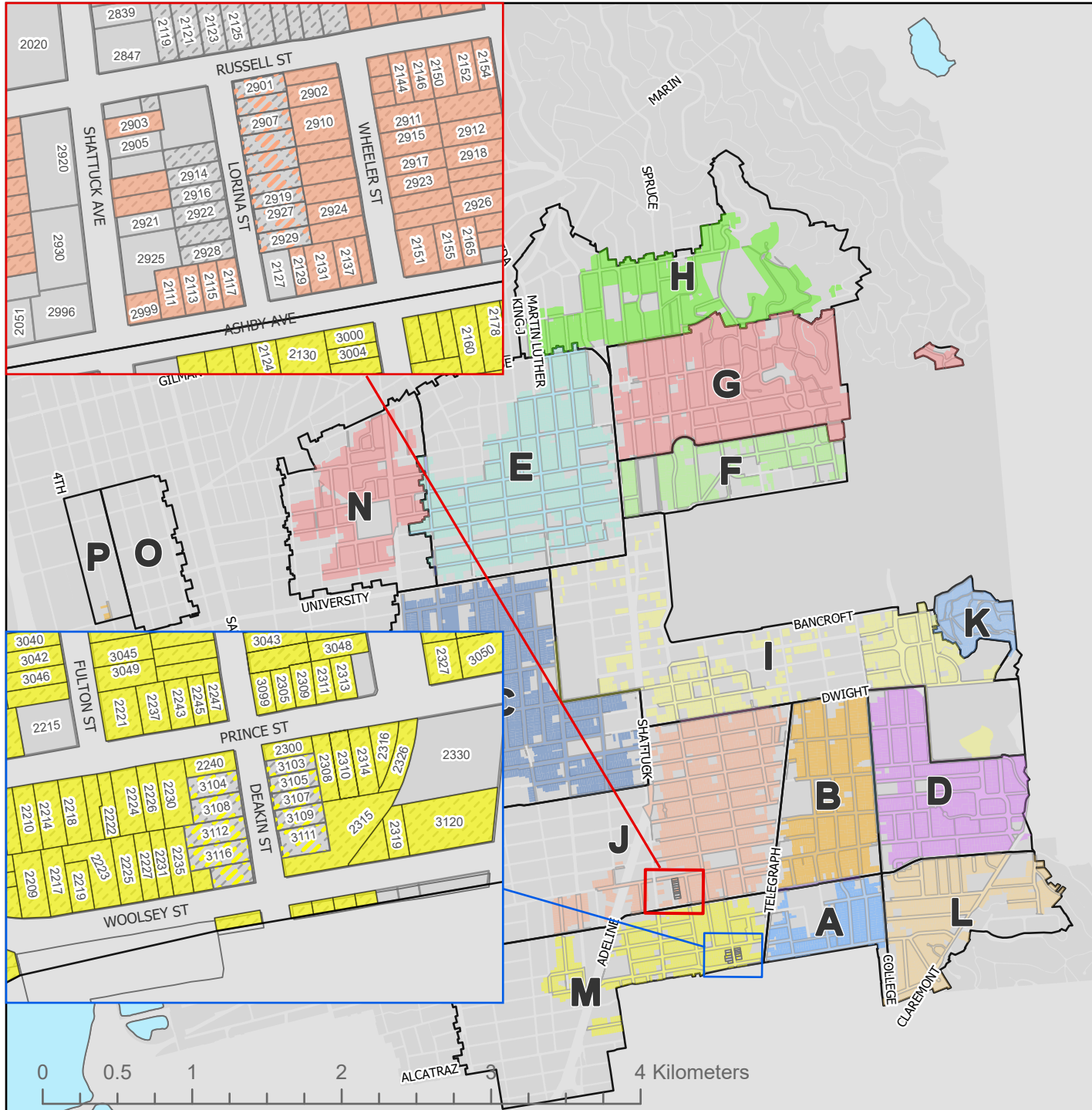
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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of School District Board Room, 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, as well as on the City's website, on June 4, 2020.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk



# ATTACHMENT 3

- PARCELS OPTING INTO AREA J
- PARCELS OTING INTO AREA M
- RPP AREAS

## ELIGIBLE PARCELS

- ELIGIBLE AREA A PARCELS
- ELIGIBLE AREA B PARCELS
- ELIGIBLE AREA C PARCELS
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- ELIGIBLE AREA P PARCELS

This map is for reference purposes only.

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February 19, 2020



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