



## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** January 29, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation  
**Subject:** Preferential Parking for Students of Beverly Hills High School  
**Attachments:** None

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This report responds to a request from Vice Mayor Brucker to seek City Council discussion and direction to provide a temporary preferential permit parking program for students at Beverly Hills High School to utilize the meters adjacent to Roxbury Park.

### **DISCUSSION**

Beverly Hills High School is currently undergoing construction which has created a deficiency in student parking. Until the District demolishes the old Business Education and Science building to provide for additional parking, there is insufficient parking for students. It has come to the attention of Vice Mayor Brucker that some students currently park at the metered spaces surrounding Roxbury Park and 'feed' the meters.

Vice Mayor Brucker asked whether the City could sell parking permits to students to park at the meters adjacent to Roxbury Park for daytime use Monday through Friday. This request is intended to: (1) assist the District and High School in addressing the parking situation caused by the construction at the campus; (2) ensure that students do not leave campus in order to feed the meters which could result in truancy issues; and (3) provide a controlled solution on a short term basis to a problem that is already occurring.

The City maintains a preferential permit parking program pursuant to Section 22507(a) of the California Vehicle Code.

Vice Mayor Brucker asked if the City could provide "permits" to students to park at the meters during school hours to alleviate the concerns above. The City may provide such permits pursuant to Section 22507(b) of the California Vehicle Code, which grants cities authority to provide a preferential parking program for members of designated groups, as long as the city determines that "the use of the permits will not adversely affect parking conditions for residents and merchants in the area." This can be implemented by resolution and the parameters of the program can be set forth in that resolution.

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Historically, the City has only provided preferential parking privileges to residents to park on residential streets near their homes. To staff's knowledge, the only exception was made for teachers during construction of Beverly Vista School. Over the years, the City has received and denied requests from various groups, including private schools and religious institutions to be allowed preferential permit parking privileges.

Metered spaces adjacent to Roxbury Park include 45 diagonal spaces on Roxbury Drive and 68 spaces in the alley adjacent to the park for a total of 113 spaces. These meters provide 3-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The cost is \$.25 per hour. The availability of permit parking on Olympic Boulevard is not an option because of the peak hour restriction both during the morning and afternoon hours.

At the time of the drafting of this report, staff is undertaking a parking occupancy count to determine the availability of parking at the Roxbury meters and surrounding area. This information will be provided to you at the informal meeting. If staff determines that the issuance of the permits will not adversely affect the parking conditions in the area, a temporary program to provide permits to allow high school students to park at the Roxbury Park meters on a first-come basis with a permit could be considered.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No negative fiscal impact. Staff would recoup the cost of the meter revenue by the cost of the permit.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council discuss a potential temporary permit parking program for students to park at meters at Roxbury Park and provide direction to staff.

 David Gustavson, Director  
Approved By 