



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

Meeting of December 6, 2012

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission
FROM: Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: Status Report

The purpose of the staff report is to provide the Commission with updates on pending items; therefore, the Commission cannot make formal recommendations on these items.

Valet Parking Signs

Below is an update on valet sign inspections and replacement.

Valet sign update:

- 1) Valet Operations checked August 1, 2012:
 - a) A1 Cucina, Chakra, Il Cielo, LaSiene, Linens Et Al, Sushi Sushi, Tanzore, Cheesecake Factory, Confidential, Crescent Hotel, Crustacean, El Torito, Frida, Il Pastiao-Brighton Way, Il Pastiao–Canon, Jose Eber Salon, Kiyono, La Dolce Vita, LaSiene, Mastro’s Steakhouse, Mr. Chow, Nics, Picollo, Ruth Chris, Scarpetta-Bouchon, South Beverly Grill, Spago, The Grill, Villa Alloro-Canon, Villa Alloro-Dayton Way, Villa Blanca, Wolfgang Steakhouse, Xian-Café Roma.
- 2) Valet Operation corrections:
 - a) A1 Cucina - faded signs have been replaced.
 - b) Tanzore – faded signs have been replaced.
 - c) The Grill - signs have been replaced.
 - d) Ruth Chris – faded signs are in the process of being replaced.

(A) of their regular duties.

Daytime Exemption Program

Vice Chair Grushcow requested information about daytime parking exemptions in non-permit zones. Most daytime exemptions (3,685 monthly or 119 daily based on data from 10/1/2012 through 10/31/2012) are issued to households within permit zones.

Residents within a permit zone may receive unlimited parking exemptions after they purchase 3 permits and the cost of issuing the exemptions.

The City also issues daytime exemptions to households residing on non-permit zone blocks that have a regulation of 2-hour parking, 8 am to 6 pm, Monday – Saturday. With the exception of a few blocks that were established with this regulation for consistency with neighboring blocks (e.g., 700 N. Camden Drive), most of the blocks were established with a 2-hour regulation in the 1980s.

During October, 1160 daytime exemptions were issued monthly (or 37 daily). Of these exemptions, 527 were issued monthly (17 daily) in single family areas. This reflects that the single family areas with a 2-hour, non-permit area, have generally not received enough traffic intrusion to warrant a permit zone. Many of these areas have resisted permit parking regulations due to concerns that it will increase parking on the street.

The other 633 daytime exemptions (or 20 daily) were issued in multiple family areas. The only non-permitted multiple family area still remaining are sections of streets immediately adjacent to Olympic Boulevard, between the east-west alley and Olympic Boulevard. Through the City-initiated permit zone process, staff and the Traffic & Parking Commission initiated permit zones for all multiple family areas that had non-permit 2-hour regulations. With the exemption of the areas adjacent to Olympic Boulevard, all multiple family areas were established as permit zones. Due to complications with “C” permits previously issued to Olympic Boulevard addresses and that preferential permit parking cannot be established on an arterial, the City-initiated process was deferred for this area.

Significant efficiencies have been achieved in the permit exemption process over the last several years with the establishment of permit parking zones in multiple family areas, the ability for residents to obtain exemptions from the City’s website, and the requirement that residents in permit zones must purchase 3 permits in order to receive exemptions. At this time, staff is pursuing other work plan priorities before addressing further refinements to the process.

Bicycle Update

The Bicycle Rack project was reviewed and approved by the Beverly Hills City Council at the November 13, 2012 study session. The Council approved the TPC and staff recommendation for a stainless steel, post-and-loop bike rack style. Transportation staff is currently working with the graphics arts team in developing conceptual designs for a custom bike rack that reflects the Beverly Hills branding.

The Council directed staff to proceed with the implementation of bike racks at City-owned properties and parks, supplement the existing inventory in the business triangle and add new racks in commercial/restaurant corridors, implement a Rack-on-Request

program for merchant requests, and develop an education program on bicycle safety and etiquette.

Additionally, staff presented the conceptual designs for the Pilot Bicycle Routes projects on Burton Way and North Crescent Drive (Attachment A). The bike lane and sharrow markings will be incorporated into the citywide street paving project managed by the City Engineering team. The anticipated timeline for installing the bike markings is April/May 2013 pending receipt of bids and contractor agreement.

The corresponding staff reports for each item are available online at the Beverly Hills website [www.beverlyhills.org > City Government > Mayor & Councilmembers > City Council Meetings].

Sunset Boulevard Intersections

Attachment B provides an informational report provided to the City Council regarding the Sunset Boulevard intersections.

Correspondence

No correspondence to the Commission was received at the time of printing the Commission packet.

Traffic and Parking Commission Project Matrix

The TPC pending project list is attached for Commission review (Attachment C).

Results of UCLA Internship Program

Attachment D provides the reports from the UCLA Internship Program.