

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Downtown Diagonal Parking
DATE: November 18, 2003

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider approving additional diagonal parking areas on 'downtown' streets in the appropriate areas bordered by 9th Street, 15th Street, Vine Street and Riverside Drive.

FACTS:

1. On October 29, 2002 the City Council directed staff to study the downtown streets and return with a plan to implement diagonal parking in the downtown core to implement Downtown Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plan.
2. On January 23, 2003, the Streets and Utilities Committee received a preliminary report on the potential for more diagonal parking spaces in the downtown area. The Committee requested further review of the diagonal parking plan for compliance with the Downtown Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plan.
3. On February 28, 2003, the Streets and Utilities Committee received a second report on downtown diagonal parking, and recommended the plan be taken to the full City Council for consideration.
4. On March 18, 2003 City Council authorized installing 40 additional diagonal parking spaces downtown, appropriating \$6,000 for the expense. Shortly after Council approval, the parking spaces were installed.
5. On October 24, 2003, the Streets and Utilities Committee considered adding more diagonal parking spaces in the downtown area. The Committee voted 2-0 to forward a recommendation to the City Council to add parking spaces downtown.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

Both currently unmarked parking areas and existing parallel parking spaces can be changed to diagonal parking, thereby increasing parking capacity, downtown. The attached spreadsheet and map indicates approximately 117 additional spaces can be added. Streets considered for diagonal parking meet specific street width criteria - 50 feet for diagonal parking on one side, 55 feet for diagonal parking on both sides, and a minimum number of driveways and/or residences.

The cost to add diagonal spaces shown on the attached map is estimated at \$12,000. The construction costs are attributable to three tasks: 1) removing existing paint markers; 2) installing asphalt berms where needed; and 3) painting the diagonal lines.

The Streets and Utilities Committee recommended the plan to add parking spaces, noting certain exceptions. The Committee does not support adding diagonal parking on Riverside Drive south of 10th Street (42 spaces), due to:

- Riverside Drive's classification as a collector,
- Riverside Drive has a high traffic volume, and
- Riverside Drive's 35 m.p.h. speed limit makes roadside parking unsafe.

Furthermore, the Committee did not support adding diagonal parking on Oak Street between 13th and 14th Streets (6 spaces) due to incompatibility with the surrounding (residential/mixed use) area. Eliminating the two areas leaves a total net gain of 67 spaces.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Downtown Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plan

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IMPACT: Approximately \$7,000 from the General Fund.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 03-xx approving an additional 67 diagonal parking spaces downtown, and appropriating \$7,000 to Budget Account No. 100.310.5212.162 for the project.
 - b. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments (3)

- 1) Map
- 2) Spreadsheet
- 3) Resolution

Downtown angled parking survey					
Road Section	Road dimensions	Current parallel spaces	potential angled parking spaces	Net gain in parking spaces	notes:
Riverside Ave. 8th-12th*	57 feet wide x 852 long	40	82	42	
Riverside Ave. 12th-15th	not appropriate for angled				
Pine St. 14th thru 15th**	51 feet wide x 260 long	12	25	13	
Park St. 14 thru 15th					Existing survey indicated no additional angled parking spaces available
14th Spring to Vine					No more potential spaces
Oak St 14th - 15th**	51feet wide x 270 long	6	12	6	
15th Spring to Vine**	51 feet wide x 200 long	8	19	11	
9th St. Spring to Vine**	51 feet wide x 226 long	21	23	2	
Oak St 9th - 10th**	51 feet wide x 140 long	6	12	6	
Previous survey				37	
			Total->	117	

*angled parking appropriate for both sides of road

** angled parking appropriate for one side of road

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF 67 ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES DOWNTOWN
AND APPROPRIATING \$7,000 FOR THE WORK

WHEREAS, there is continual movement to add additional parking to the downtown core area; and

WHEREAS, most recently, the Streets and Utilities Committee recommended the addition of 67 parking spaces downtown; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the spaces will cost approximately \$7,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve the installation of 67 additional parking spaces downtown.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby appropriate \$7,000 from General Fund Reserves to the Streets Division Budget Account No. 100.310.5212.161.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 18th day of November 2003 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

