



Council Agenda Report

From: Dick McKinley, Public Works Director
John Falkenstien, City Engineer

Subject: Adding Parallel and Angle Parking in the Downtown

Date: December 6, 2016

Facts

1. Paso Robles has a vibrant downtown served by a number of restaurants, retailers, and other businesses that cater to both local residents and tourists.
2. Parking availability helps to make the downtown more accessible and convenient to shoppers and diners.
3. The shortage of parking has been a problem, especially during special events and the holiday shopping season.
4. In some blocks, additional parking can be added with paint and signs only, at a minimal cost.
5. Angle parking can provide additional parking when compared to parallel parking, and is generally easier to use for the motoring public.
6. Section 12.32.080(C) of the Paso Robles Municipal code requires the Council to designate by resolution areas in which angle parking may be provided.
7. Adding parking spaces in the downtown now is a desired first step in the City's multi-step plan, approved by the Council in the budget process, to increase the number of spaces in the core downtown that are available for shoppers, by decreasing the number of spaces used by business owners, employees, and other all-day parkers.
8. All the parking spots currently being considered are parallel or regular angle parking. (Any proposal on back-in angle parking, which requires an ordinance, would return to the Council for future consideration.)

Options

1. Do nothing.
2. Authorize the City Engineer to add angle parking as an option at a variety of locations in the downtown area.
3. Amend the above option, as desired.

Analysis and Conclusions

Providing additional parking can be expensive if it includes purchasing property to build a lot, or to build a parking structure. Providing additional parking by means of adding striping and signing only is very inexpensive. The City has the opportunity to add on-street parking spaces in and near the downtown at minimal expense, using budgeted funds, in time for most of the holiday shopping season. Angle parking provides significantly more spaces than parallel parking in the same block, and is generally easier for the motoring public to use.

At the Council's November 15 meeting, a concern was expressed regarding street widths, in order to ensure there was adequate room for any angle parking. The attached exhibits show that all streets proposed for angle parking have adequate lane widths for passing traffic.

The resolution provides flexibility; it does not require angle parking where additional parking is called for. All of the proposed parking spaces can be added on a pilot-basis only, as they can be converted easily and

quickly to parallel parking, solely through repainting, if the community does not find them acceptable or if there are problems.

Fiscal Impact

Primary costs would be for striping and signing for the new/changed parking. There are sufficient Gas Tax funds appropriated in the adopted FY 2016/17 Budget for Pavement Striping & Marking.

Recommendations

Approve Resolution 16-XXX adding to the existing areas of the City in which angle parking may be provided.

Attachments

1. Resolution 16-XXX
2. Exhibit for 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, Pine and Park Streets
3. Exhibit for 12th Street, Railroad Street to UPRR
4. Exhibit for Oak Street, 8th Street to 9th Street

RESOLUTION 16-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AUTHORIZING STAFF
TO ADD ANGLED PARKING STALLS IN AND NEAR THE DOWNTOWN

WHEREAS, Paso Robles has a vibrant downtown that is served by a number of businesses that cater to both local residents and tourists; and

WHEREAS, parking availability helps to make the downtown more accessible and convenient to shoppers and diners; and

WHEREAS, in some blocks, staff can add additional parking with paint and signs only, meaning at a minimal cost; and

WHEREAS, angled parking can provide additional parking when compared to parallel parking, and is generally easier to use for the motoring public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Based on the information contained in the staff report dated December 6, 2016, the City Council hereby finds and determines that there is an opportunity to add angled parking in and near the downtown.

Section 3. The City Council hereby approves the addition of angled parking and authorizes staff to add angled parking on 8th Street from Spring Street to Oak Street, 9th Street from Park Street to Pine Street, 10th Street from Spring Street to Vine Street, 12th Street from Railroad Street to Riverside Avenue, Pine Street from 14th Street to 15th Street, Park Street from 15th Street to 16th Street, Oak Street from 8th Street to 9th Street with additional stalls to be added later as opportunities become available.

APPROVED this 6th day of December, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

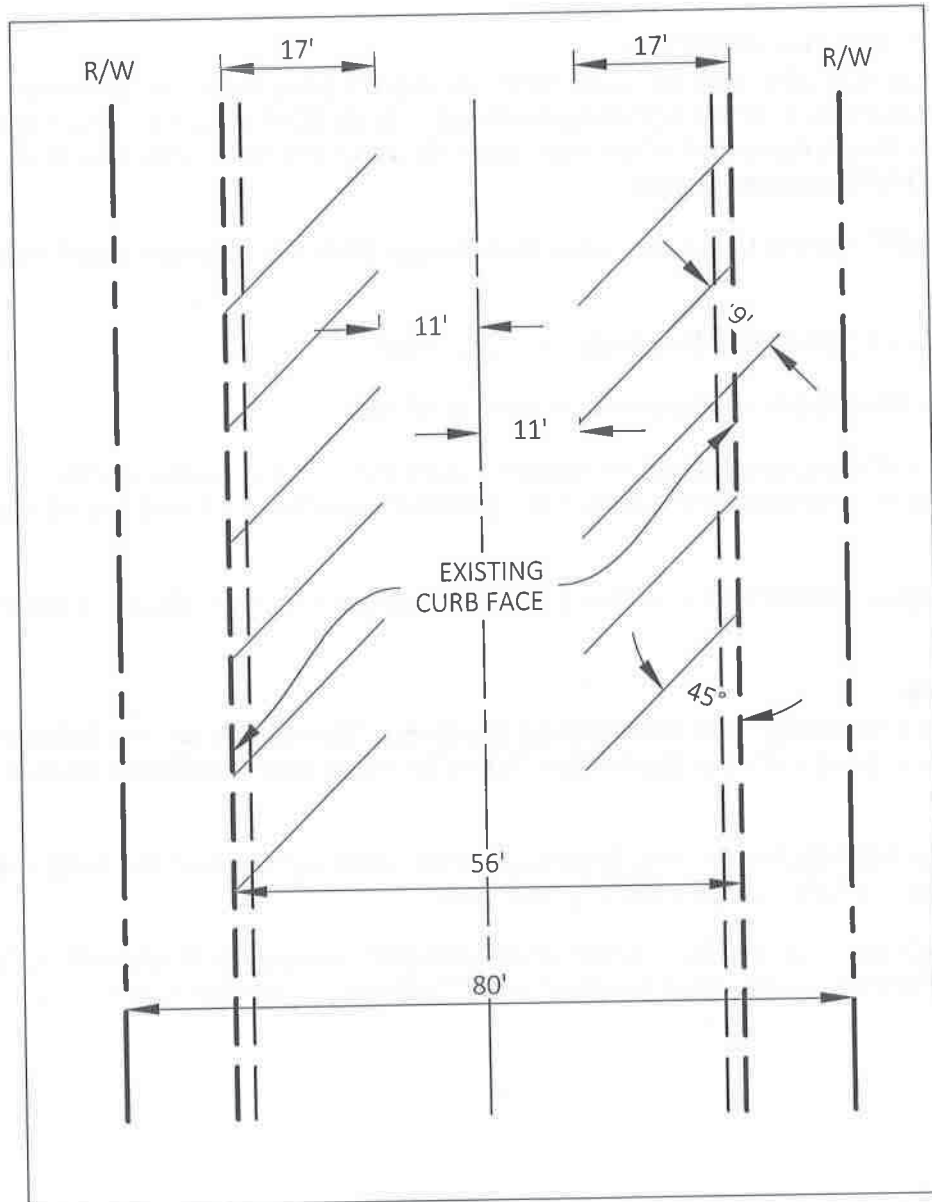
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Steven W. Martin, Mayor

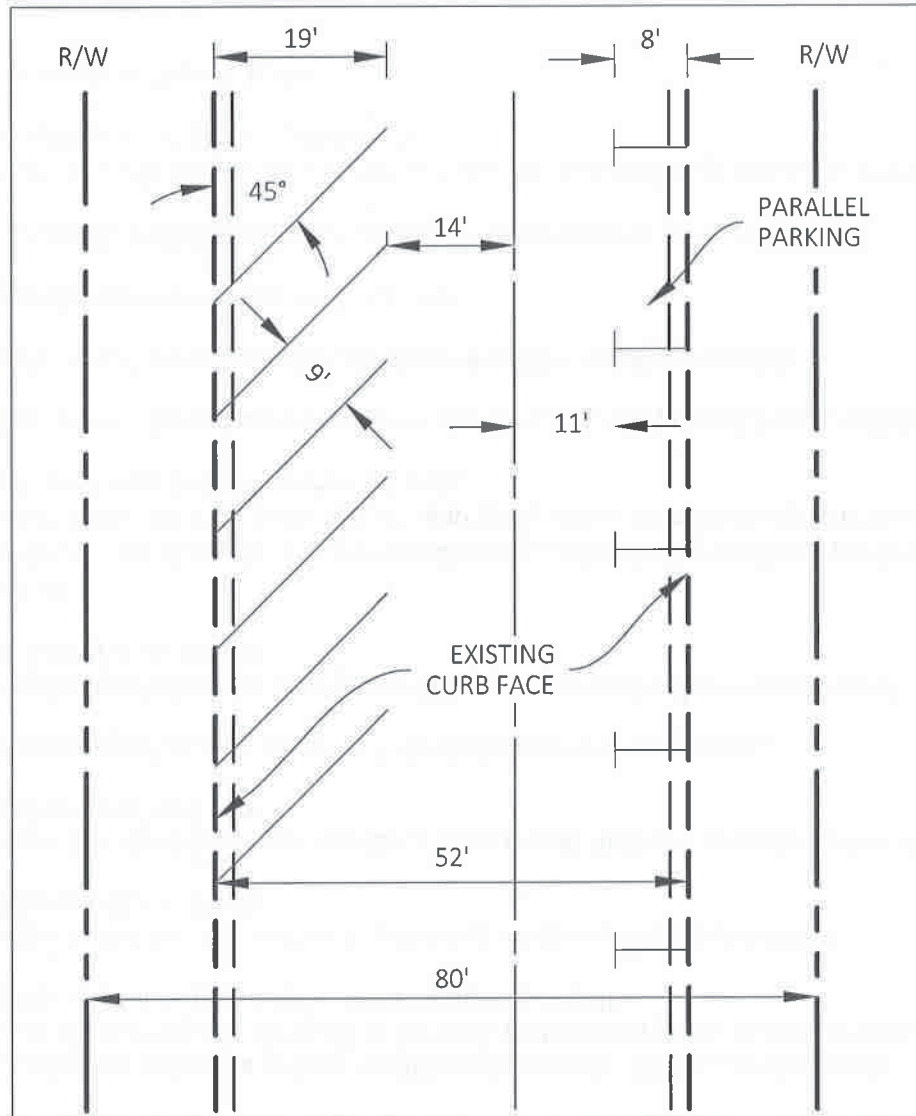
ATTEST:

Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk



12TH STREET
RAILROAD STREET TO UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
PARKING SPACES GAINED: 5

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PROPOSED LOCATIONS		
STREET NAME	LIMITS	PARKING SPACES GAINED
8TH STREET	SPRING STREET TO OAK STREET	7
9TH STREET	PARK STREET TO PINE STREET	7
10TH STREET	SPRING STREET TO VINE STREET	8
12TH STREET	RAILROAD TRACKS TO RIVERSIDE AVENUE	2
PINE STREET	14TH STREET TO 15TH STREET	5
PARK STREET	15TH STREET TO 16TH STREET	8
TOTAL PARKING SPACES GAINED:		37

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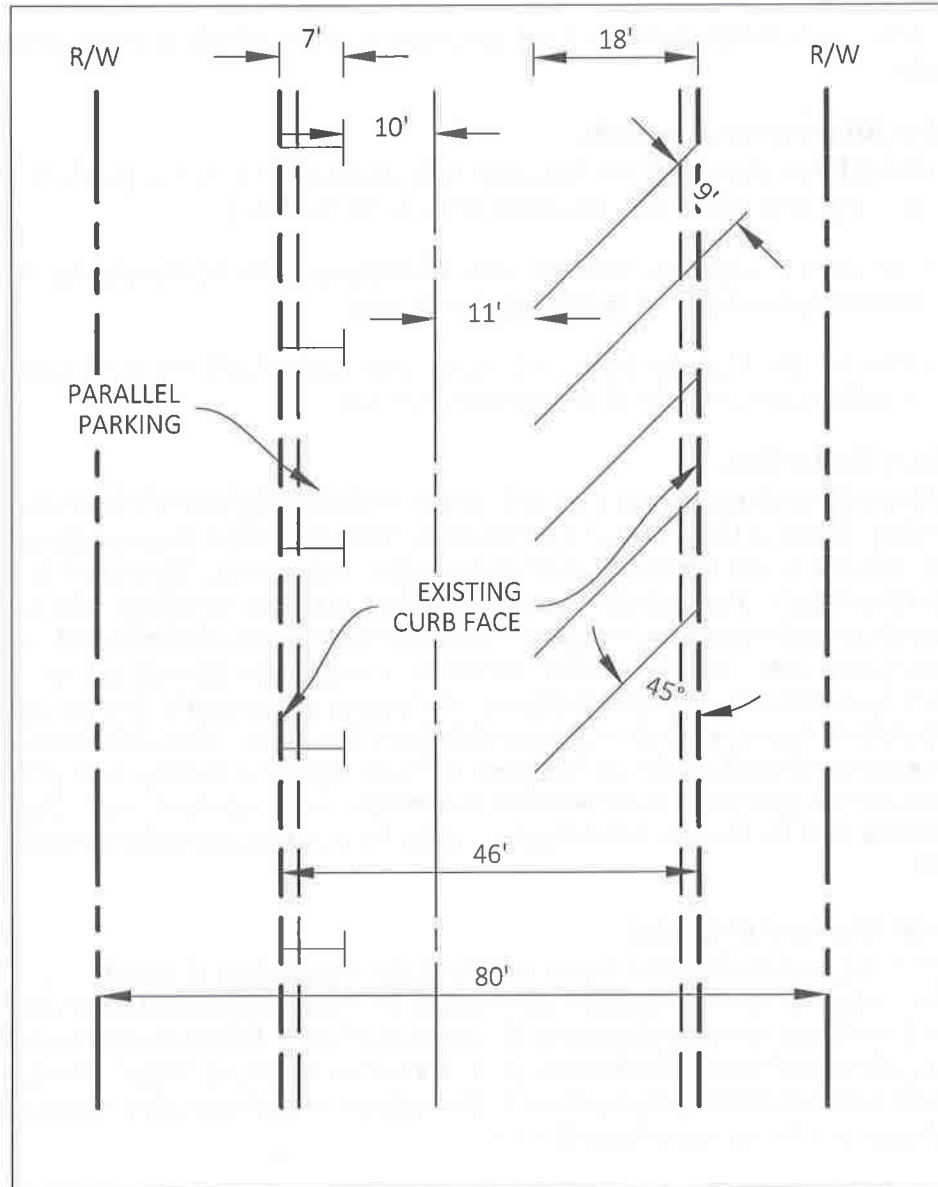
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CITY OF PASO ROBLES
ENGINEERING DIVISION

DRAWING NO.

DIAGONAL & PARALLEL PARKING-52' STREET WIDTH

PR-DP-3



OAK STREET
8TH STREET TO 9TH STREET
PARKING SPACES GAINED: 8

DRAWN BY: KO	CITY OF PASO ROBLES ENGINEERING DIVISION	DRAWING NO.
DESIGNED BY: JF		
DATE: 11/16	DIAGONAL & PARALLEL PARKING-46' STREET WIDTH	PR-DP-2
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