

RESOLUTION NO.: 02-068

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL
OF
THE DOWNTOWN PARKING AND CIRCULATION ANALYSIS AND ACTION PLANS

WHEREAS, revitalization of Downtown Paso Robles has been a major focus of the City, Main Street, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the City's Economic Strategy was prepared and adopted in part to provide guidance on the types of actions to ensure the continued revitalization of Downtown Paso Robles; and

WHEREAS, the City's Economic Strategy envisions that Downtown Paso Robles will be developed into a Commercial/Entertainment Center that caters to the tourists, that accommodates a Governmental Center (e.g. Public Safety Center, County Courts, etc), and that provides professional office space; and

WHEREAS, The objectives of the revitalization efforts are to generate new investment in the Downtown and to create constant pedestrian activities and events that will attract youth and families to the Downtown; and

WHEREAS, in order achieve these objectives, the City's Economic Strategy indicates that the following actions should be taken:

- Development and implementation of a plan to optimize parking, including a parking plan for the Downtown;
- Support of "eased" parking restrictions;
- Begin planning for a city parking facility; and,
- Development of a detailed circulation plan that is based on a city-wide traffic study of the Westside and retail core (i.e., Vine Street to Riverside Avenue; 1st Street to 24th Street).

WHEREAS, the City has retained the services of Kimley-Horn and Associates to prepare an independent study reviewing parking and circulation in the Downtown; and

WHEREAS, based upon the facts and analysis presented in the staff report, and public testimony received, the Planning Commission finds that the project qualifies for adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of a Monitoring/Reporting Program; and

WHEREAS, a public workshop was held on May 1, 2002 to receive input and suggestions on the Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, an ad-hoc Parking and Circulation Committee comprised of representatives of the City Council, the Planning Commission, Main Street, and the Chamber of Commerce was formed to review and provide input on the Draft Downtown Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, the ad-hoc Parking and Circulation Committee has recommended to the Planning Commission that the Draft Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plans be approved; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on September 24, 2002, to consider the facts as presented in the staff report prepared for this project, and to accept public testimony; and

WHEREAS, based upon the facts and analysis presented in the staff report and public testimony received, the Planning Commission finds that the Draft Downtown Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plans properly identifies the steps to be taken to address the needs of the Downtown and to ensure its continued vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby recommend to the City Council that:

1) The Draft Downtown Parking and Circulation Analysis and Action Plans be approved subject to the following:

- A. Preparation of a precise minute order of the Planning Commission's public hearing on this matter for inclusion in the staff report presented to the City Council;
- B. Transmittal of the specific areas of Planning Commission consensus as noted below:

Short-Term Actions

- There should be no further consideration of parking meters;
- There should be no assessment district formed;
- The restriping of angled parking spaces should be implemented; and,
- The City should install directional signage to the public parking lots.

Long-Term Actions

- The real solution for addressing the Downtown parking needs is to increase the supply of parking spaces;

- As part of its deliberations on development of an overall strategic plan, the City Council should consider and evaluate further whether a parking structure is the way to go; and,
- Lastly, the City Council may want to explore the feasibility of constructing a multi-use facility that has ground floor retail uses, second floor parking, and third floor affordable housing with the City seeking sponsorship of the facility.

2) A funding and implementation program should be developed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th day of September 2002, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CALLOWAY, JOHNSON, KEMPER, McCARTHY, WARNKE

NOES:

ABSENT: FERRAVANTI, STEINBECK

ABSTAIN:

CHAIRMAN PRO TEM RALPH McCARTHY

ATTEST:

TINA RYDER, ACTING PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY