

Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE:	NOVEMBER 16, 2021
TO:	CITY COUNCIL / CITY MANAGER
SUBMITTED BY:	STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER
PREPARED BY:	MEG McWADE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DAVID LANGSTAFF, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ANALYST
SUBJECT:	20-MINUTE LOADING / UNLOADING PARKING RESTRICTION - 4010 WEST COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

SUMMARY

Consideration of a Transportation and Circulation Commission (TCC) recommendation to install "20-Minute Loading / Unloading" in front of 4010 West Commonwealth Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2021-XX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING 40 FEET OF CURB, IN FRONT OF 4010 WEST COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, AS A PLACE WHERE PARKING OF VEHICLES IS RESTRICTED TO 20 MINUTES OF CONTINUOUS PARKING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS EXEMPT

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

• Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Operating Budget includes adequate appropriation for the minimal costs associated with installation of necessary signing and curb markings.

DISCUSSION

Background

Staff received a letter from the property owner of 4010 - 4016 West Commonwealth Avenue requesting short-term parking for their tenant at 4010 West Commonwealth Avenue. Both the property owner and their tenant claim the street has insufficient parking to accommodate deliveries and / or pick up products, supplies, packages, mail, etc., due to long-term parking by employees from a nearby automotive repair business. This shortage of on-street parking occurs despite the posting of a two-hour parking restriction between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Sunday and Holidays exempt.

Commonwealth Avenue is a 64-foot-wide major arterial street with a posted speed limit of 40 miles per hour. That segment of the street carries an average daily traffic volume of approximately 6,400 vehicles per day. There are two lanes of traffic in each direction with a painted median island to accommodate left turns. Parking is permitted on the south side of the street only. Aside from the posted two-hour parking restriction, the south side of West Commonwealth Avenue has generally unrestricted parking with overnight parking allowed between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. The Fullerton Airport is located on the north side of the street while mixed-use retail and residential properties are located on the south side of the street in the vicinity of the proposed loading and unloading zone.

Staff confirmed that the area has very little on-street parking available and that the existing two-hour parking restriction is regularly violated on weekdays. The continuing violations result in frequent calls for enforcement, which is not readily available due to other calls for service. In staff's professional opinion, the addition of yellow curb, designating an area as "20-minute loading / unloading", would garner a higher level of compliance than a posted time restriction.

Staff recommendation

The business owner at 4010 West Commonwealth Avenue expressed support for this restriction at a Transportation and Circulation Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve staff's recommendation. Chairman Norby asked staff to consider modifying the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in lieu of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Fullerton Municipal Code (FMC) Section 8.44.120 defines the hours for yellow curbs with any modification to the Code resulting in a citywide change. This action accomplishes the applicant's concern with providing a loading / unloading area. Staff recommends the hours for yellow curbs remain as defined in the FMC. Should issues arise in this location, staff will review and return to City Council.

If approved, staff would issue a work order to paint 40 feet of yellow curb directly in front of the applicant's business, accompanied by posted signs further emphasizing the new time limits. Attachement 2 includes a copy of the TCC Staff Report for reference.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 Resolution No. 2021-XX
- Attachment 2 TCC Staff Report