

November 21, 2016

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance related to a residential parking zone; repealing Ordinance No. 5282; establishing Residential Parking Zone 17; and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to establish time-limited parking or time of day restrictions for vehicles without a Zone 17 permit on an as-needed basis on various streets in the Enatai Neighborhood.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost to implement a Residential Permit Parking Zone (RPZ) in Enatai on all streets listed above is approximately \$22,000. This estimate includes the costs of decals, signs, and visitor passes and does not include staff administration time and enforcement.

The *East Link Record of Decision (Summary of Required Mitigation Measures)* stipulates that Sound Transit is “responsible for the cost of installing the signage or other parking controls and any expansion of the parking controls...The local jurisdiction will be responsible for monitoring the parking controls and providing all enforcement and maintenance of the parking controls.”

The cost to Sound Transit will likely be significantly less than the estimated \$22,000 as parking restrictions would only be implemented on an as-needed basis after meeting minimum requirements for spillover parking and community support.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Policy TR-93 of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan states that the City will “Protect residential neighborhoods adjacent to high capacity transit facilities from spillover impacts, including parking and cut through traffic, resulting from system construction and/or operation, using techniques such as residential parking zone programs and traffic calming measures. Monitor the outcomes of these efforts and make adjustments as needed to ensure continued effectiveness.”

Policy TR-149 of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan states that the City will “Minimize spillover parking into residential neighborhoods through residential parking zones and other measures.”

A strategy in the Council-approved *South Bellevue Station Area Plan* states, “Pending neighborhood support, institute a residential parking zone (RPZ) program prior to light rail operation.”

BACKGROUND

Spillover parking demand is anticipated to increase in the Enatai neighborhood in the near future due to the following factors:

- The South Bellevue Park and Ride closure—anticipated to close as early as January 2017
- The continued operation of the Sound Transit 550 Express bus along Bellevue Way SE and the opening of a temporary bus stop on the west side Bellevue Way SE north of 112th Ave SE
- The construction of Sound Transit’s East Link Light Rail at the future South Bellevue Station

The East Link Record of Decision, direction by the City of Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan, and concerns raised by the neighborhood indicate the need to establish a residential permit parking zone in a portion of the Enatai neighborhood prior to the closure of the Park and Ride facility and into the operational phase of East Link. This action would take care of the legislation necessary to enable the City to implement these residential permit parking zone parking restrictions on an as needed basis, allowing for issues to be address expeditiously.

Council approval of Zone 17 would not immediately create parking restrictions on the aforementioned streets. Rather, seeking council approval before concerns occur allow staff to be more responsive and expeditious in responding to spillover parking concerns when they do actually occur. These streets signify—based on distance and walking time to Bellevue Way—the streets most likely to experience spillover parking as a result of the closure of the South Bellevue Park and Ride. Staff would continue to monitor neighborhood streets to determine if spillover parking is occurring. If so, community outreach would be conducted to ensure the residents support potential parking restrictions. If supported, the parking restrictions would be signed and thus become enforceable. As with any other zoned parking area in the City, residents and their guests receive free parking permits that exempt them from the parking restrictions. Enforcement occurs on a complaint basis or at an officer’s discretion.

The approach being sought is to have City Council approve an ordinance establishing a large RPZ area to allow for parking restrictions that address spillover parking on an as-needed basis. As streets are impacted and existing guidelines and community support are met, the City Manager or designee can authorize time-limited parking or time of day parking on any of the streets identified in proposed RPZ 17. This will expedite the installation of parking signs and issuance of permits that exempt residents and their guests from the parking restrictions. If the spillover parking issue spreads to streets not listed above (e.g. in another neighborhood along Bellevue Way), then additional council approval would be sought to address those specific streets.

Ordinance No. 5282, approved in 2001, created a residential paring zone on both sides of 112th Avenue SE from the residence at 2805 112th Avenue SE south to SE 30th Street. A sidewalk construction project on the west side of 112th Avenue SE removed the ability to park on this street and thus the RPZ has been effectively eliminated since the completion of that sidewalk project. This action, if approved by Council, would permanently repeal this obsolete ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on December 24, 2016.

OPTIONS

1. Approve Ordinance 6320, related to a residential parking zone; repealing Ordinance No. 5282; establishing Residential Parking Zone 17; and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to establish time-limited parking or time of day restrictions for vehicles without a Zone 17 permit on an as-needed basis on various streets in the Enatai Neighborhood.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to approve Ordinance 6320, related to a residential parking zone; repealing Ordinance No. 5282; establishing Residential Parking Zone 17; and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to establish time-limited parking or time of day restrictions for vehicles without a Zone 17 permit on an as-needed basis on various streets in the Enatai Neighborhood.

ATTACHMENTS

Vicinity Map
Proposed Ord No. 6320

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N/A