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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: La Riviera Drive Striping

SUMMARY

At the July 28th City Council Meeting staff was requested to make this report addressing the removal of on-street parking on the east side of La Riviera Drive between College Town Drive and Howe Avenue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

La Riviera Drive is 64 feet wide curb-to-curb which is the standard width for a four lane street with parking. When bike lanes are placed on such a street, parking either has to be removed or the street has to be striped for less than four lanes.

In 1977 when bike lanes were painted on La Riviera Drive the street was striped with two southbound lanes for about 160 feet on the approach to College Town Drive and one wide northbound lane. Parking was prohibited on both sides for about 150 feet north of College Town Drive.

As the traffic volumes increased the short two lane section became inadequate, problems developed for left turns into the shopping center and apartment complex, and we received complaints about problems for pedestrians crossing between the shopping center and the apartments. An investigation led to the conclusion that the southbound two lane section should be extended and a two-way left turn lane should be installed. A 1979 traffic count shows 7,019 vehicles per day northbound and 8,408 vehicles per day southbound on La Riviera Drive at College Town Drive. All southbound vehicles must stop and wait for a clearing in College Town Drive traffic and over 75% turn left so the southbound volume is equivalent to over 16,000 free flowing vehicles. Since the property on the east side of the street was a shopping center with abundant parking it was decided to remove parking on that side to accommodate the necessary traffic and bicycle lanes. The

- parking prohibitions were approved by the Council on November 12, 1980, and the work was accomplished on December 17, 1980. A maximum of 22 spaces were removed along the shopping center frontage.
- After the street was restriped we received a request to reconsider the parking prohibition. This was answered on March 11, 1981, by letter to Councilman Connelly. We then received several requests to notify people in the future prior to removing parking even if adequate off-street parking exists. On April 6, 1981, we wrote to Councilman Connelly and agreed to do so. This was followed by a Council Memo on June 23, 1981, confirming this would be the policy from now on for parking prohibitions exceeding one-half block in length. It has been suggested that if such a policy had existed prior to November 12, 1981, the street would have been striped differently. Unless we had been instructed otherwise, we would have striped it exactly the same, since this was, and is, the most practical and efficient way to take care of the traffic conditions.

The shopping center on the east side of La Riviera Drive has 130 off-street parking spaces which exceeds the required ratio of one space for each 250 square feet of development. In 1975 the northern portion of the shopping center was developed under a separate ownership. The Planning Commission approved of the development with a condition that the parking be connected on-site to provide one large parking lot rather than two smaller lots. The parking situation at this location has been observed on many occasions. During every observation, there were five or more empty spaces in the northerly portion and 30 or more empty spaces in the southerly portion. An air photo taken at 11:12 AM on Thursday, June 2, 1977, shows seven vehicles parked on the street and 34 parked in the 130 space lot. The oil markings on the pavement indicate there are about 20 spaces in the southerly part of the lot that are practically never used.

FINANCIAL DATA

La Riviera Drive could be restriped in such a way as to restore the curb parking in front of the shopping center. The lanes would consist of one northbound, one southbound and one two-way left turn lane. The turn lane would serve both left turns at the intersection and at the driveways. Turns at the driveways would be obstructed whenever the backup from the intersection exceeded 170 feet (eight to nine vehicles). The cost to remove about 5,360 lineal feet of existing paint and restriping is estimated to be \$5,950. This includes labor, equipment and materials and equates to about \$270 per restored parking space.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that: (1) No change be made to the striping on La Riviera Drive. (2) If the council is persuaded to change the striping it should be conditional on the shopping center owners or tenants paying the cost since they are the only ones who would derive any benefit.

August 5, 1981

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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City Council
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Complaint from Ron Baroni, The Book Depot, regarding the placement of parking regulations without notice to property owners.

SUMMARY

At the time parking was prohibited on La Riviera Drive in the vicinity of The Book Depot it was our policy to only notify property owners that appeared to have inadequate off-street parking. This policy was changed on April 6, 1981.

BACKGROUND

The Book Depot is located in a small shopping center with about 70 parking spaces at the northeast corner of La Riviera Drive and College Town Drive. On November 18, 1980, the Council adopted a resolution prohibiting parking at a number of locations including La Riviera Drive for bike lanes and two way left turn lanes. Prior to Council action, businesses and residents that were considered to be adversely affected were informed of the new regulations. The Book Depot and other businesses in the shopping center were not notified because they had what appeared to be adequate off-street customer parking. The parking signs were placed on December 16, 1980.

As a result of Mr. Baroni's complaints to Councilman Connelly, we changed our policy on April 6, 1981. ~~From now~~ on, we will notify everyone when we propose to prohibit parking for more than half a block even if there is abundant off-street parking.

By the City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

FINANCIAL DATA

None.

*Cost to
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be filed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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All Districts
June 23, 1981