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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION  
1023 J STREET — SUITE 202

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April 28, 1983

City Council  
Sacramento, California

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Honorable Members in Session:

MAY 10 1983

SUBJECT: Visibility Safety Parking Zones

OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

SUMMARY

City Council referred this matter to the Planning & Community Development Committee for review. The Committee reviewed and approved this concept on April 27, 1983.

BACKGROUND

When this matter was discussed before the City Council on April 5, 1983, some of the Council had questions on this program. At that time, a map showing the locations where parking has been removed for visibility in the downtown area was not included; the map clarifies the extent of parking removal for the past two years. During the discussions before the Planning & Community Development Committee, the extent of this program was discussed, and the Committee was satisfied about the staff's goals for this program. The previous correspondence is attached for Council's information.

FINANCIAL DATA

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council concur with the Planning & Community Development Committee to have the staff proceed with this experimental program.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Frink  
Traffic Engineer

Recommendation Approved:

  
Walter J. Slipes, City Manager

LMF:RJM/mf  
Attachments

May 10, 1983  
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April 20, 1983

Planning and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Visibility Safety Parking Zones

SUMMARY

The City Council has referred to this matter to the Planning and Community Development Committee.

BACKGROUND

There are 14,000 on-street parking spaces in the central area. There has always been demands for close by parking by business and residences. This program is intended to allow parking and to provide visibility at unsignalized intersection thus reducing the impact upon businesses and residences where visibility needs to be improved.

One of the principal functions of the Traffic Engineering Division is to review accident statistics in order to determine corrective measures wherever possible. When it is determined that parking near a corner is a contributing factor to intersection accidents, the directly affected merchants or residents are notified and one, two or three parking spaces are removed. This process has been going on for over thirty years and the only recent change is that a practice of distributing notices was started about three years ago.

The greatest number of intersections with visibility problems caused by vehicles parked near corners are in the central area (Front to Alhambra and L to Broadway). There is no problem at signalized intersections but they only account for about 200 out of over 500 intersections. During the past two years about 31 parking spaces have been eliminated at about 17 intersections. There is no plan to significantly expand the program so about the same number will be removed in the next two years. The map shows the locations where parking has been removed in the past 2 years.

The attached report describes a program whereby automobiles would be allowed to continue to park near intersections where they do not cause a visibility problem. Only RV's campers and trucks would be prohibited.

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April 20, 1983

FINANCIAL

No impact at this time.

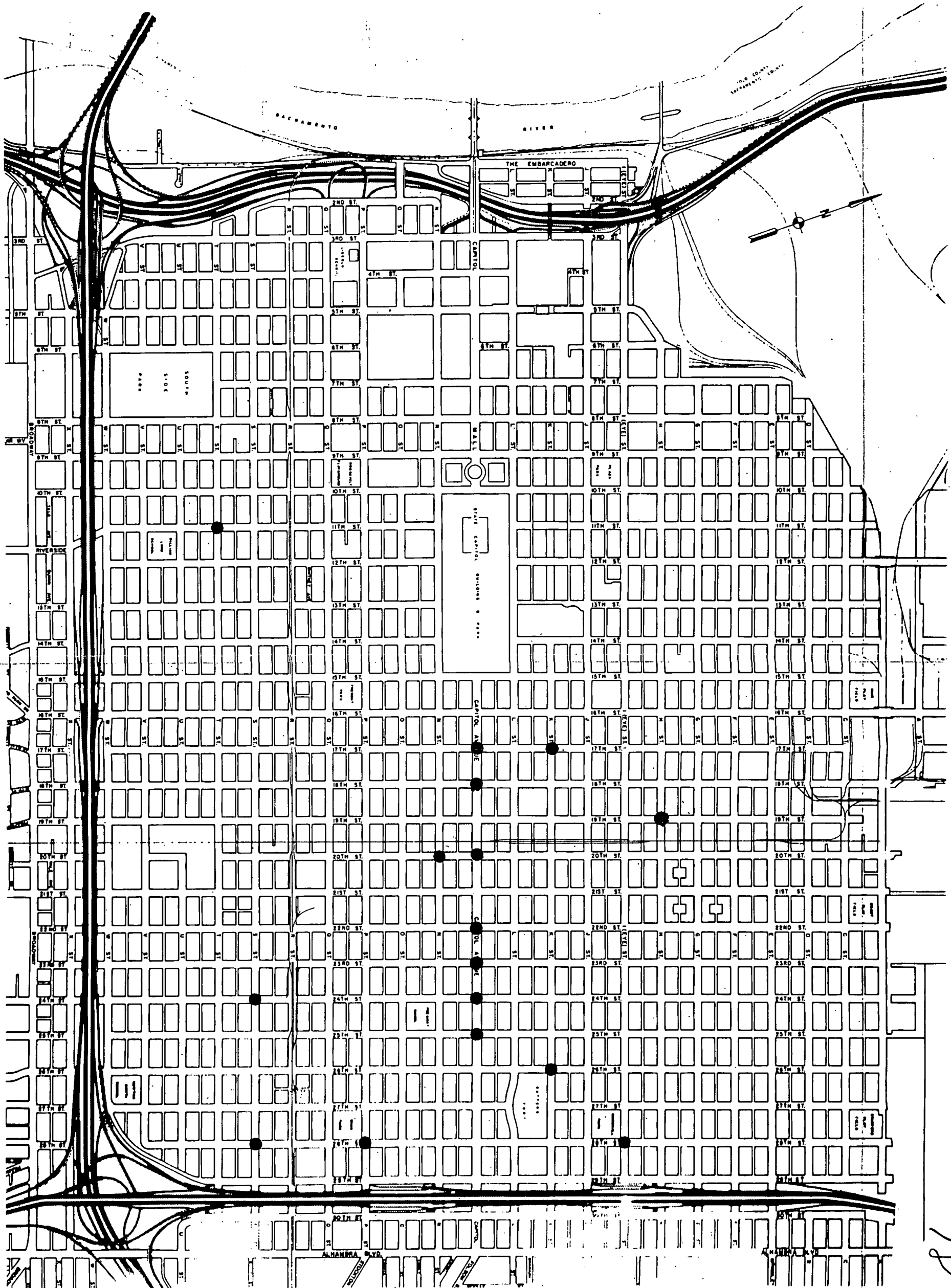
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee review the program proposed by the Staff.

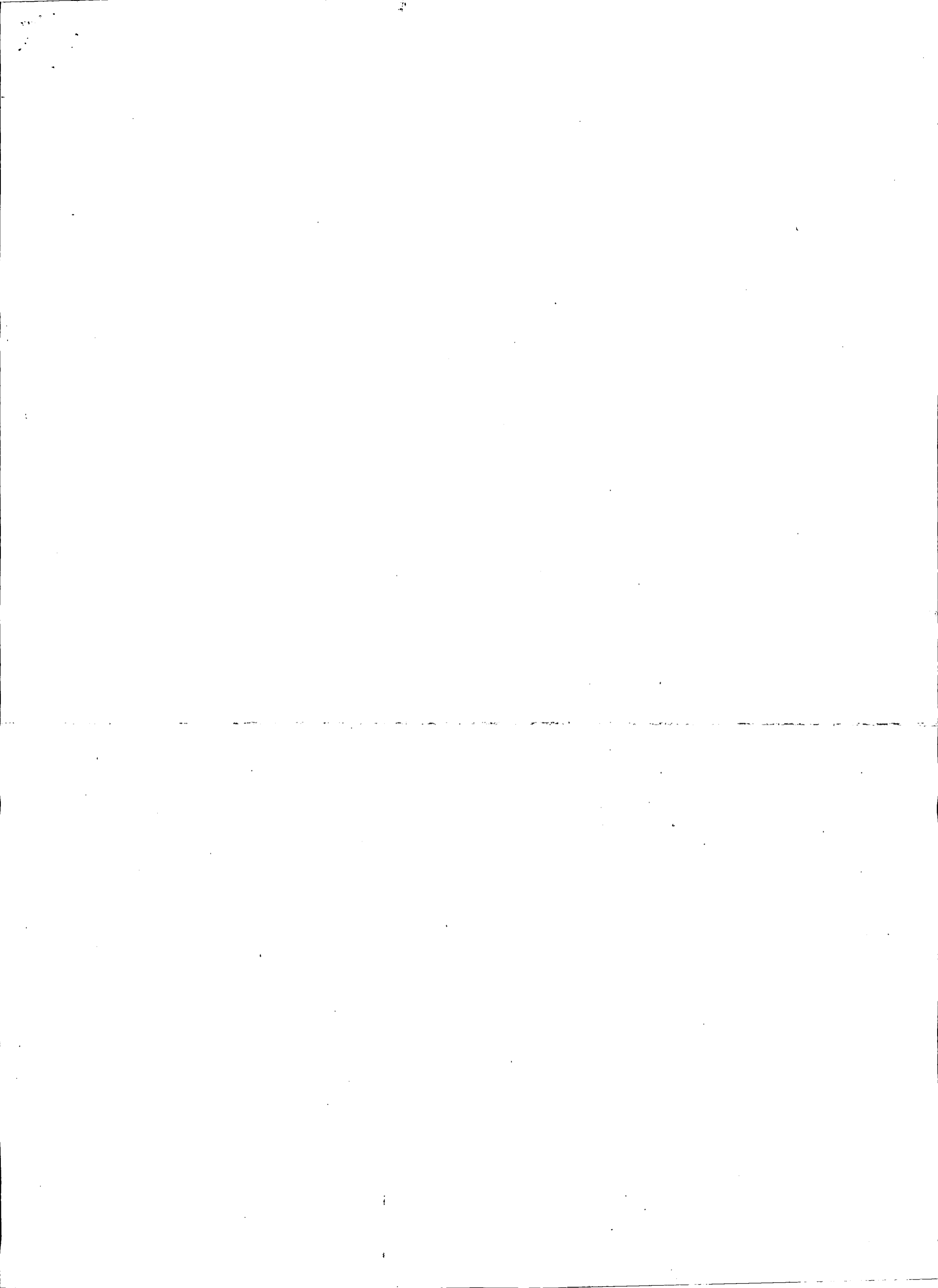
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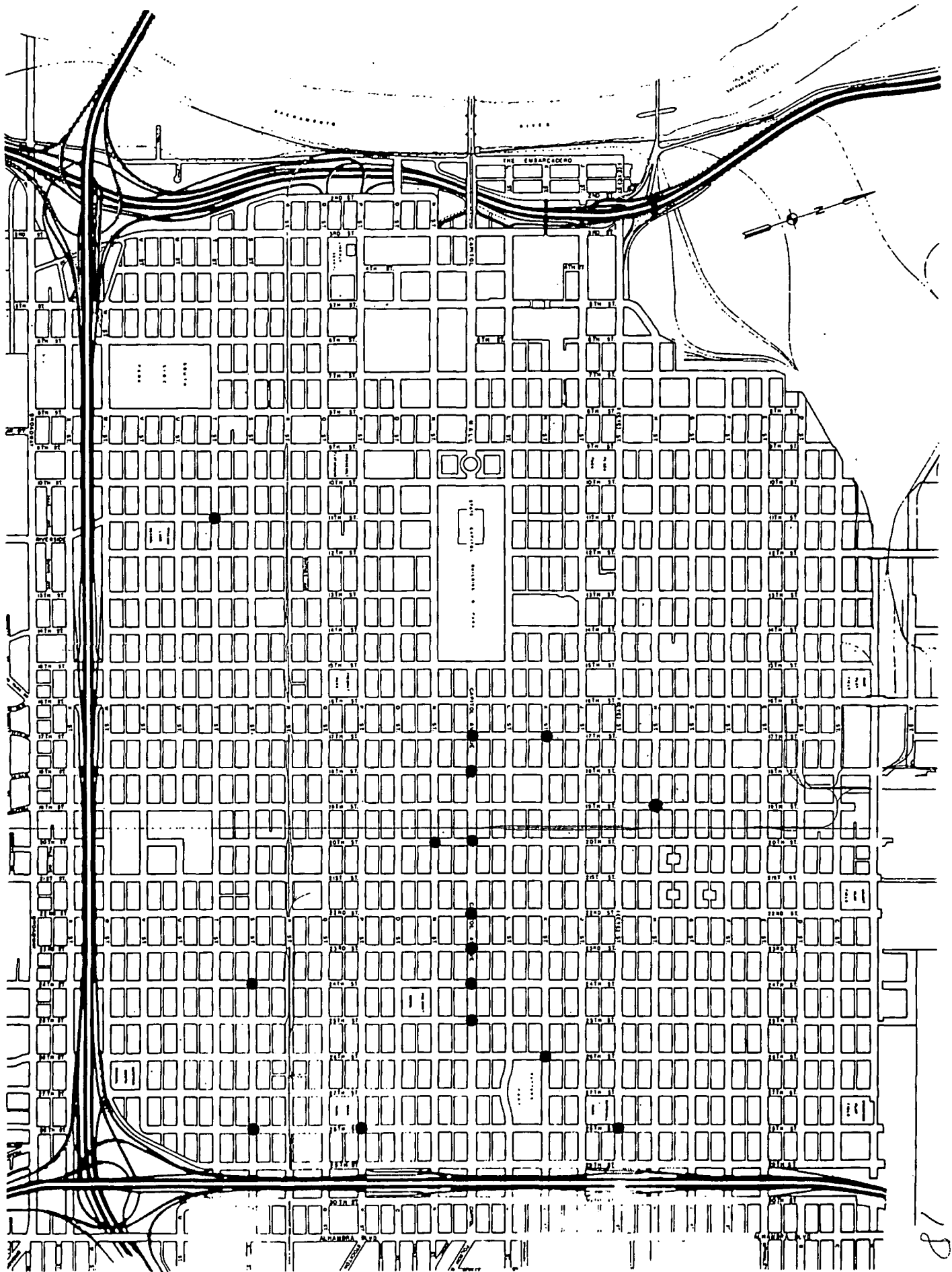
*Richard J. Falkner*  
for L. M. Frink  
Traffic Engineer

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March 17, 1983

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Visibility Safety Parking Zones

## SUMMARY

The City staff will be implementing a new program improving visibility of unsignalized intersections in the downtown area.

## BACKGROUND

Because Sacramento is enjoying tremendous tourist activity as well as more leisure equipment being parked in the downtown area, the problem of visibility at unsignalized corners has worsened. Campers, vans, motor homes and tour buses has increased the magnitude of the problem caused by commercial vehicles.

The City already has a limited program of removing parking at corners in the downtown and suburbs where restricted visibility clearly causes problems. In the downtown area, the removal of parking at corners causes problems for the residents, customers and merchants due to the limited availability of on-street parking spaces. This proposed program is primarily intended for the downtown at this time as the City staff does not wish to unduly penalize parkers near corners, but we must sometimes remove parking for traffic safety reasons.

A few cities in California have been experimenting with unique methods of improving visibility while yet removing the least amount of parking. The staffs of the Traffic Engineering division and the City Attorneys office have cooperated in developing a program for Sacramento. Because it is a unique program, the staff wants the Council to be aware of it; however, no Ordinance approval is being requested at this time. The experimentation period will cover 3 to 5 months and then an Ordinance will be submitted to the Council for their approval.

The staff is hopeful that any problems can be corrected during the experimentation period of six months which is allowed the City Traffic Engineer under Section 25.41 of the Traffic Ordinance. The staff is proposing a program similar to the City of Alameda's where 50 locations have been controlled in this manner. Attached is a drawing showing the proposed signing.

## FINANCIAL

No impact at this time.

City Council

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RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for the Councils information at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Frink  
Traffic Engineer

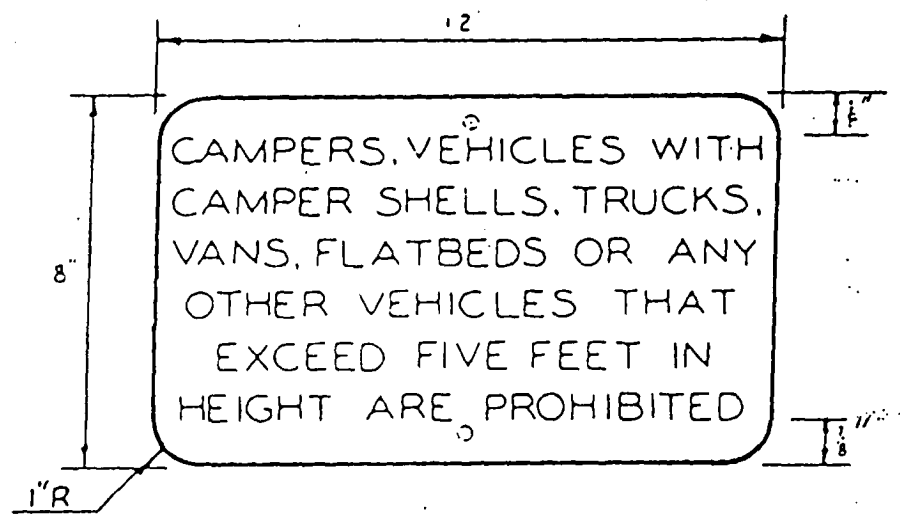
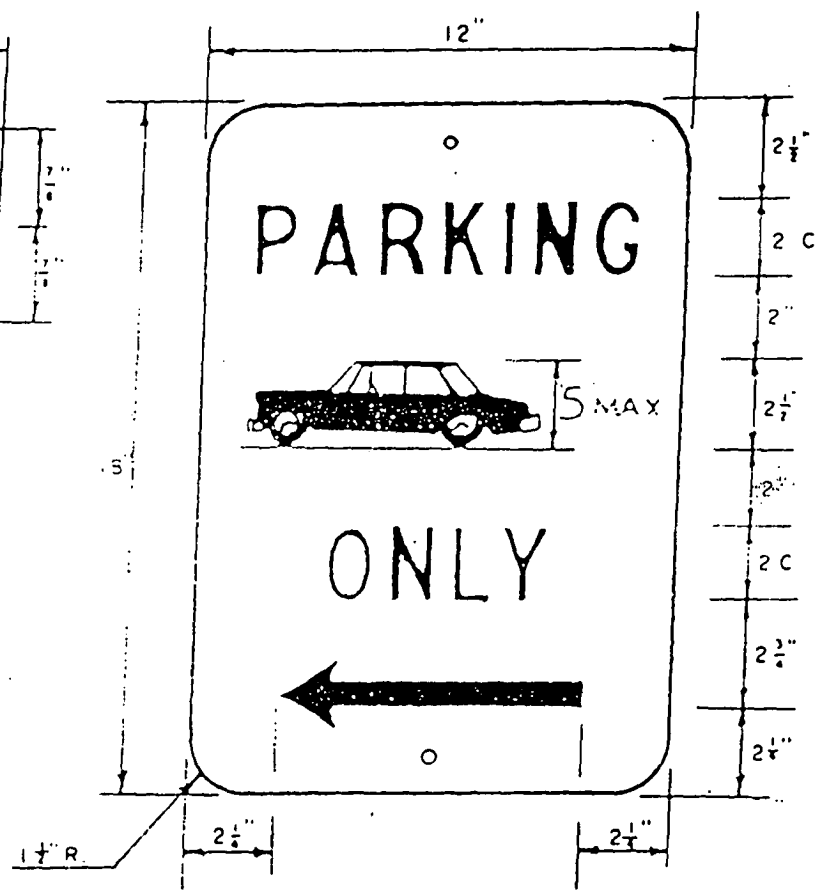
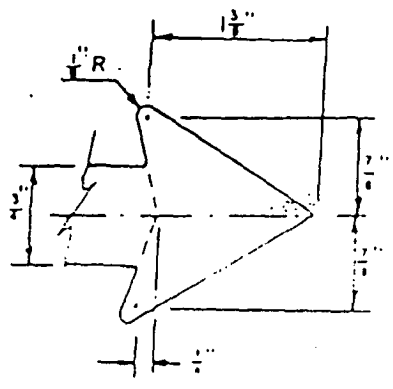
FOR CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION:

Walter J. Slipe, City Manager

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April 5, 1983  
Districts 1 & 4





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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION

VISUAL SAFETY ZONE SIGN  
FOR  
SIGHT OBSTRUCTIONS

DESIGNED BY:

CHECKED BY: *R.J. Folkers*

DRAWN BY:

APPROVED BY: *Richard J. Folkers*

SCALE: NONE      DATE: MAR. 1983.

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Judge Edward J. Garcia  
Municipal Court, Department P  
720 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Judge Garcia:

The Traffic Engineering division is proposing corner parking restrictions that will allow for improved visibility, but the program will still allow for parking by passenger vehicles under five feet in height. Attached is a report that the staff will be sending to the City Council on April 5, 1983, unless we hear any adverse comments from your office by March 30, 1983.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

*Richard J. Folkers*  
Richard J. Folkers  
Assistant Traffic Engineer

RJF:jd  
Attachment  
cc: John Varozza

Note: We would use 25.102(d) to write citations  
(25.30 or 25.41?)