



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 2017

TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

FROM: Maurice Kaufman, Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: **Consideration Of Transportation Committee Recommendation For Reestablishing A Two-Way Street On 61st Street From Hollis Street To Vallejo Street And Removal Of One Parking Space On South Side Of 61st Street Nearest Hollis Street To Accommodate The Two-Way Traffic; CEQA Determination: Exempt Pursuant To CEQA Guideline 15301**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council consider and approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation to reestablish a two-way street on 61st Street from Hollis Street to Vallejo Street and eliminate one parking space on 61st Street.

DISCUSSION

In 2009, the Emeryville Unified School District (EUSD) leased the Hawley School site on 61st Street to the Piedmont School District for use as their temporary school facility while renovating their school in Piedmont. The use of the Hawley School site generated traffic congestion in the vicinity of Doyle Street and 61st Street during drop-off and pick-up times at the beginning and end of the school day. In order to accommodate this traffic congestion, the City Council converted the two-way street on 61st Street to a one-way eastbound street from Hollis Street to Vallejo Street.

It has been a number of years since the Piedmont School ended their lease of the Hawley School site. The drop-off and pick-up of students at the school has been greatly reduced since the time when Piedmont occupied the site. A proposed new lease of the school site by EUSD to Head Start will not generate the same amount of traffic congestion that the Piedmont School generated.

The one-way street configuration has been a challenge to motorists. In particular, many motorists still drive in the wrong direction in the block west of Vallejo Street even though the one-way signs are clearly posted. There is no reason to keep the one-way configuration anymore and the improved access to the properties on 61st Street by all modes of traffic would be helpful.

Given the wide sidewalk bulb-out on the north side of 61st Street at the intersection of Hollis Street, it will be necessary to eliminate one parking space on south side of 61st Street nearest Hollis Street to accommodate the two-way traffic.

This action is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15301 because it involves a minor alteration to an existing public street.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At the November 17, 2016 joint meeting of the Emeryville Public Works Committee and Transportation Committee, the Committees recommended approval of the proposal to reestablish the two-way street on 61st Street and to remove parking on 61st Street as necessary to accommodate the two-way travel.

PREPARED BY: Maurice Kaufman, Public Works Director

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Carolyn Lehr, City Manager