



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF 17TH STREET
BETWEEN SAN FERNANDO AND
SAN ANTONIO TO A ONE-WAY STREET**

DATE: 02-26-04

Approved

Date

Council District: 3

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt an ordinance to amend San José Municipal Code Chapter 11.24 of Title 11 to designate 17th Street between San Fernando and San Antonio as a one-way street.

BACKGROUND

The Naglee Park neighborhood is bounded by Santa Clara Street, 10th Street, William Street Park, and I-280. In the early 1980's, a variety of traffic calming measures were installed in this neighborhood to address concerns about cut-through traffic. Some of these measures included partial street closures at the north end of 17th Street at San Fernando Street, and at the west end of San Fernando Street at 16th Street. These diverters also involved the conversion of San Fernando Street between 16th and 17th Streets to a one-way westbound street. Figure 1 details these street closures.

In December 2003, the Department of Transportation (DOT) received a request to authorize legal northbound parking on both sides of the street.

ANALYSIS

As a result of the traffic diversions, access to 17th Street between San Fernando and San Antonio is possible only from the south end of the street. However, as this section of 17th Street was never converted to a one-way street, egress is possible from both the south and north ends.

Due to the configuration of the street closure at the north end of 17th Street, many residents find it convenient to park their vehicles facing northbound on both sides of the street. However, parking a vehicle facing northbound on the west side of 17th Street is in violation of California Vehicle Code Section 22502(a).

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To enable residents on 17th Street between San Fernando and San Antonio to park in a legal manner requires that this block be converted to a one-way northbound street.

In January 2004, a petition was circulated among the residents on this block. The petition was signed by 67% (14) of the homes, with 100% of votes in favor of the one-way conversion.

If this section of 17th Street is converted to a one-way northbound street, ingress into 17th Street will be limited to San Antonio Street with travel occurring solely in the northbound direction. Egress from 17th Street will be onto westbound San Fernando Street.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The affected residents have been well informed through a neighborhood conducted petition process, followed by a letter from DOT summarizing the petition outcome and the Council approval process.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, the Police and Fire Departments and Councilmember Chavez's Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The minor cost of installing and maintaining new signs and pavement markings will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Transportation.

CEQA

Exempt: PP04-02-038

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Attachment