



Special Meeting
of the
San José
Transportation & Environment Committee
held
May 29, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Forrest Williams; Vice Chair Sam Liccardo; Councilmember Judy Chirco;
Vice Mayor Dave Cortese

Guests: Janis Gemignani; Elizabeth Monley; Andrew Bales; Sal Saglimbeni

1. Consideration of Downtown Parking Mangement Issues (RDA/DOT)
(a) Downtown Parking Management Plan 2006-07 Update

Department of Transportation staff presented the Downtown Parking Management Plan 2006/07 Update. A background of the Parking Management Plan (PMP) was presented. In November of 2001, in connection with the "Strategy 2000 San Jose Greater Downtown Strategy for Development," the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Downtown Parking Management Plan. This PMP provided short and long-term strategies and priorities to meet parking demands, provide for capital needs, and support effective and efficient operations. The 2001 PMP allowed for significant development programs, however, due to the significant economic impact on the events of September 11, 2001, the "dot.com" bust, and State budget actions that further impacted City and Redevelopment Agency revenues, only some of the elements were implemented.

In September of 2005, the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Board directed staff to work with the Downtown Parking Board (DPB) to update the 2001 Downtown PMP. With input from the Downtown Parking Board and significant input from many stakeholders, staff developed a scope of services that focused on short and long term goals, and elements of the 2001 PMP that would require updating to conform to the current and economic and parking conditions. Development and management of the parking in Downtown San Jose is a complex process that required considerable coordination of many different facets including land use and economic development, transportation, convention and special events, marketing, parking operations, finance and consideration of Downtown businesses and customers. The Downtown Parking Board, through many workshops and public meetings refined the complex PMP Update into three overarching goals that all the recommendations are designed to support.

The three goals are convenient and available parking supply; clean, safe and inviting parking facilities and parking incentives to expand business downtown. The PMP Update has numerous recommendations and actions that have fiscal impact that range from one time expenditures to on-going expenses.

After almost a year of review, stakeholder and community input, and deliberations, the Downtown Parking Board at its March 14, 2007 meeting approved the Downtown Parking Management Plan 2006-07 Update and recommends approval by the Transportation and Environment Committee and full City Council. Several members of the Downtown Parking Board attending the meeting and were available to answer any questions from the Committee.

(b) Enhanced Parking Security Plan

Department of Transportation and Police Department staff presented the Downtown Parking Garages Security Assessment Report. The City of San Jose operates a large parking system that includes 19 facilities and 7,700 parking spaces, primarily in Downtown San Jose. The goal of the parking system is to provide clean, safe and convenient parking for Downtown visitors, business, and employees. The issues of parking garage security and the level of inappropriate and illegal activity has received considerable attention over the past year. Several distinctive security issues have been identified. Public parking garages form the first impression with visitors to the Downtown. The parking system has a goal to ensure clean, safe, and inviting parking facilities to support the economic development of downtown. Unsafe operations may expose the City of unacceptable risk.

Staff is recommending approval of the Enhanced Security Plan for public parking garages including adoption of a Master Parking Rate Resolution authorizing the Director of Transportation, on a pilot basis from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, to charge a \$5 fee at entry after 10 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Market Street, 2nd/San Carlos, 3rd Street, 4th Street Garage, and Convention Center Garage, and authorize the Director to reduce or eliminate the \$5 fee if the impacts are determined to outweigh the benefits after consultation with Downtown Parking Board (DPB).

At their May 16, 2007 the Downtown Parking Board approved the Enhanced Security Plan for public parking garages, including on a pilot basis from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 charging the proposed \$5 fee. The Downtown Parking Board further approved for recommendation to City Council that the \$5 fee at entry be reviewed at its meetings during the pilot program with the option of reducing or eliminating the \$5 entry fee if the impacts of the fee are determined to outweigh the benefits.

Upon the motion of Councilmember Judy Chirco, and seconded by Vice Chair Sam Liccardo, the Committee voted to approve the staff recommendations and forward them to the full Council for discussion. Vice Mayor Dave Cortese asked that staff provide to Council a proposed method of measurement for the \$5 pilot program in order for Council to evaluate and make adjustments if needed.

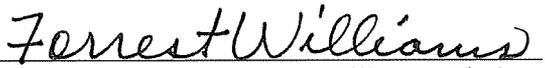
2. Oral Petition

There were no Oral Petitions

3. Adjournment

The Committee Adjourned at 3:15 pm

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Councilmember Forrest Williams, Chair
Transportation & Environment Committee