



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: April 22, 2008

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Implementation of a critical traffic and parking area at: 29th Street West between Pleasant Avenue South and Blaisdell Avenue South**

Recommendation:

Adopt the Findings per the Ordinance 478.710, and approve a "Type B" critical traffic and parking area, which will include the following city streets:

29th Street West between Pleasant Avenue South and Blaisdell Avenue South—
Both Sides To be signed "No Parking, Except by Permit, 8AM to Midnight".

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Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Tim Drew

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	NA	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	NA	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	NA	Date

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact:

Neighborhood Notification: A neighborhood meeting which included residents has taken place. In the meeting, the issues related with the installation of Critical Parking were discussed.

City Goals: To ensure a Healthy, vital and safe city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

The requested Critical Parking Area (CPA) is being implemented due to the lack of on-street parking on 29th Street West caused by vehicles from the Karmel Square Market. These vehicles occupy the majority of the available on-street parking in the neighborhood. The 8AM to Midnight timeframe was chosen by the residents because it is when the neighborhood is most congested with vehicular traffic. The Critical Parking Area above will be signed "No Parking, Except by Permit, 8AM to Midnight". This Critical Parking Zone is intended to be an effective deterrent in keeping the customers of the Karmel Square Market from occupying all available spaces in the neighborhood.

The above area meets the procedure for the establishment of a Critical Parking Area, which includes:

- a written petition signed by at least 75% of the dwelling units located within the proposed critical traffic and parking area,
- the number of non-resident parkers during the requested hours/days of enforcement exceeds thirty-three (33) percent of the number of on-street spaces in the area, and
- the minimum area exceeds one (1) block.

Findings

No critical traffic and parking area may be established unless the City Council shall have made the following findings:

- 1) The area is detrimentally impacted by parking of commuter, student, customer or visitor/guest vehicles generated by area businesses, institutions or recreational/entertainment facilities during the proposed hours of restriction.

The area is detrimentally impacted by vehicles visiting the Karmel Square Market.

- 2) The area does not have sufficient off-street vehicular parking for the use and convenience of the residents thereof in the vicinity of their homes.

The area does have some off-street parking but it is not sufficient for the amount of dwelling units in this neighborhood. The on-street parking is completely taken up by customers of the Karmel Square Market during the hours listed above.

- 3) Vehicle noise, pollution or congestion will work unacceptable hardships on residents of the area if present parking is allowed to continue unregulated.

Vehicle noise and pollution will increase and create unacceptable hardships on the residents of the area.

- 4) The health, safety and welfare of residents of the area and the city as a whole and the attractiveness and livability of specific neighborhoods will be promoted by a system of preferential parking enacted under this section.

Excessive traffic and parking in the area will reduce the health, safety and welfare of the area thus resulting in a less attractive and livable neighborhood. The preferential parking will encourage more walking, biking, and bus connections that will assist in meeting the City's transit goals.

The Findings for the establishment of a critical traffic and parking area, in accordance with section 478.710 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinance, have been met.

Attachments: Map of Area

Cc: Council Member Liligren
Mike Sachi