



Office of the City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING  
November 15, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Public Works

Subject: Implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the 1900 Block of Vine Street and the 3000 Block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way

### RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. Section 25E and Section 25M by adding a subsection to implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) on both sides of the 1900 Block of Vine Street in RPP Area E and the west side of the 3000 Block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way in RPP Area M.

### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding of \$2,000 for RPP street signage installation is included in the FY 2023 budget in the General Fund (011-54-622-664-0000-000-431-513110- and 011-54-622-664-0000-000-431-642990-).

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Residents on the 1900 Block of Vine Street and the 3000 Block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way, both of which are in an RPP eligible area, have submitted petitions to join the RPP Program. The areas that would join the Program are shown in Attachment 3:

1. In Area E: Both sides of the 1900 Block of Vine Street between Bonita Street and Milvia Street.
2. In Area M: West side of the 3000 Block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way between Ashby Avenue and Prince Street.

In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 14.72.050(A)(1), staff verified that residents submitted signatures on qualifying petitions representing a numerical majority of dwellings wishing to “opt-in” to the RPP Program for the street sections listed in the attached Resolution. Staff verified that at least 75% of the curb parking spaces were occupied during mid-morning and mid-afternoon observation periods at each location.

The addition of both sides of one block in Area E and one side of one block in Area M should have a minimal impact on enforcement capabilities, as RPP restrictions are

already in place on nearby blocks. Each new addition to the RPP Program, however, tends to result in slightly diminished enforcement for all other existing permit areas, due to parking enforcement officers having slightly larger areas to patrol.

### BACKGROUND

The RPP Program was instituted in 1980 (1) to protect Berkeley residential neighborhoods from an influx of non-resident vehicles and related traffic; (2) to assure continued quality of life for residents; and (3) to provide neighborhood parking for residents. The Program limits parking for vehicles not displaying an RPP permit in most RPP areas to two hours, and reserves available daytime parking for residents, between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on some blocks Saturday.

The RPP Program currently allows residents within RPP program boundaries to petition the City to “opt-in” or “opt-out” of the Program. The process to install RPP controls requires submittal of a petition signed by residents (including tenants of rental properties) of at least 51% of dwellings sited along the affected block, and a parking survey of those blocks that shows at least 75% of available on-street parking spaces are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods.

The RPP Program is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to be a customer-focused organization that provides excellent, timely, easily-accessible service and information to the community.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Expansion of the RPP Program to include additional blocks may have a minor beneficial environmental effect, and may make alternative transportation options more attractive. A modal shift by commuters to walking, bicycling, public transportation, or carpooling may also lead to a decrease in greenhouse gasses.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Because the required number of households on the subject blocks have signed a petition, and as parking surveys show more than 75% occupancy of curbside parking, these blocks meet the requirements set forth by the BMC for inclusion into the RPP Program.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council may allow unrestricted parking to remain on these streets. However, Council has previously approved the “opting in” of blocks where the requisite number of households signed a petition requesting RPP control, and where the parking utilization exceeds 75%.

### CONTACT PERSON

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**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Public Hearing Notice
3. Map of Street Section Opting Into Program

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

IMPLEMENT RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING (RPP) PROGRAM ON 1900  
BLOCK OF VINE STREET AND WEST SIDE OF 3000 BLOCK OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. WAY

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.72.050.A.1, Designation of a Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Area, allows residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the program and requires submittal of a petition containing signatures of residents of at least 51% of dwellings on the affected block; and

WHEREAS, residents of at least 51% of the dwellings on the following blocks have petitioned to "opt-in" to Residential Preferential Parking:

1. Both sides of the 1900 Block of Vine Street between Bonita Street and Milvia Street;  
and
2. West side of the 3000 Block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way between Ashby Avenue and Prince Street.

WHEREAS, staff has conducted field observations and determined at least 75% of available on-street parking spaces in each location are occupied during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon time periods; and

WHEREAS, the designation of these blocks as a residential permit parking area will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing in the area designated; and

WHEREAS, the \$2,000 implementation cost is included in the FY 2023 budget in the General Fund 011 for Transportation Traffic Maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following subsection of Section 25 of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. are hereby added to read as follows:

Section 25E VINE STREET, both sides between Bonita Street and Milvia Street

Section 25M MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY, west side between Ashby Avenue and Prince Street

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Department of Public Works is proposing to conduct a public hearing and, if recommendations are approved, adopt a Resolution amending Section 25E and Section 25M of Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. by adding subsections to extend residential preferential parking on both sides of the 1900 block of Vine Street between Bonita Street and Milvia Street and on the west side of the 3000 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way between Ashby Avenue and Prince Street.

The Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program allows for residents to petition the City to "opt-in" or "opt-out" of the Program. Complying with program requirements, residents of the blocks under consideration for opting into the RPP Program have submitted the qualifying signatures on a petition and also have at least 75% of the curb spaces occupied during the morning and mid-afternoon observation periods. Adding two blocks within the existing residential study area boundaries through evaluations by an EIR study certified on September 27, 1988, and in accordance with California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, are categorically exempt as defined by Section 15.162(c).

The hearing will be held on November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held via videoconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and the state declared emergency.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at [www.CityofBerkeley.info](http://www.CityofBerkeley.info) as of **November 3, 2022**. **Once posted, the agenda for this meeting will include a link for public participation using Zoom video technology.**

For further information, please contact Farid Javandel, Deputy Director of Public Works at (510) 981-7061.

Written comments should be mailed directly to the City Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, or emailed to [council@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:council@cityofberkeley.info) in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet.

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information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the City Clerk at 981-6900 or [clerk@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:clerk@cityofberkeley.info) for further information.

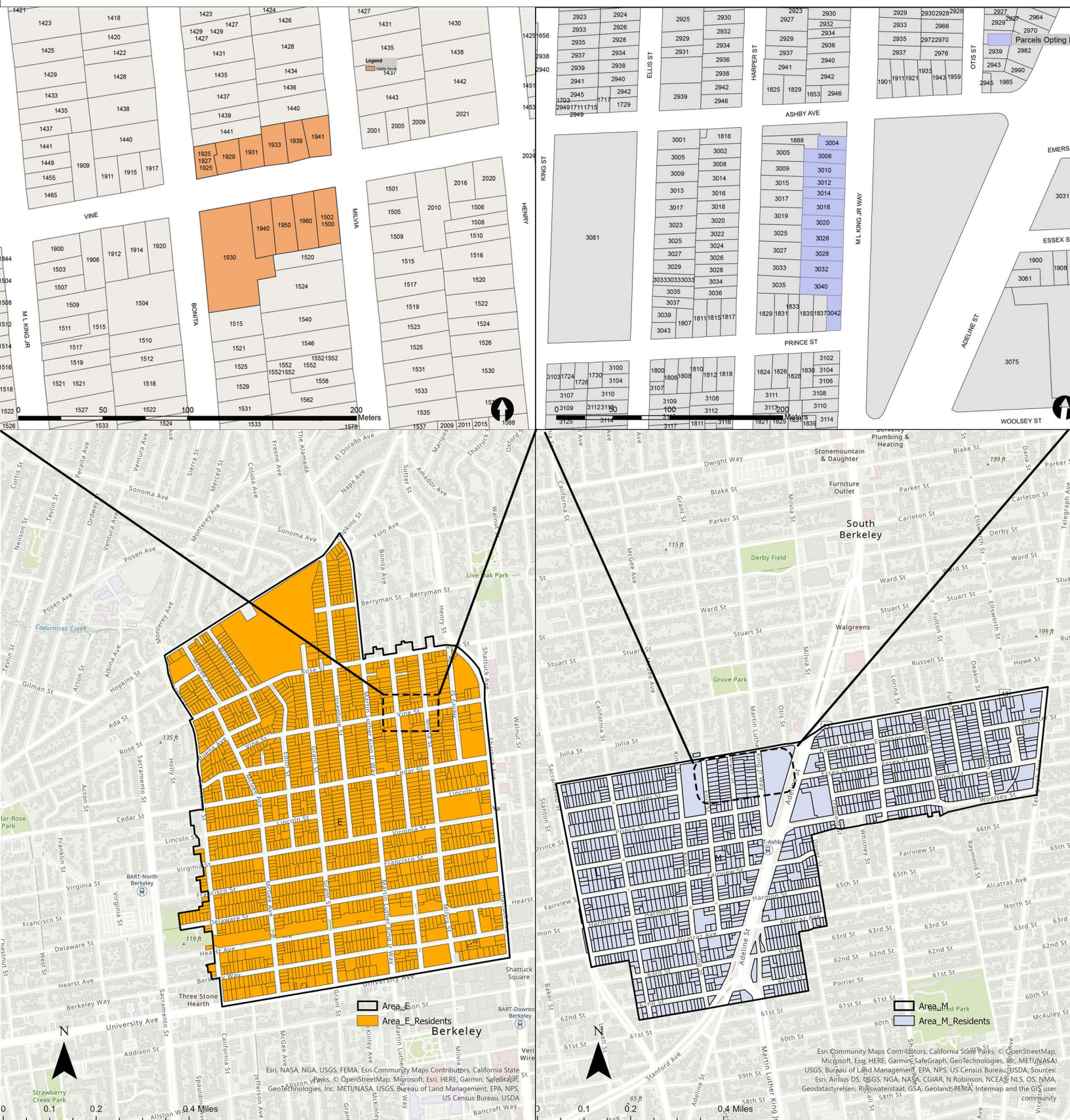
**Posted by:** November 5, 2022 - Pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 14.72

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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on November 3, 2022.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

# Attachment 3:

## Both sides of 1900 Block of Vine Street and West side of 3000 Block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way



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