

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 5/3/23

Approx. Start Time: 10:30am

Approx. Length: 30 minutes

Presentation Title: Update on Clackamas County No-Parking Practices

Department: Transportation and Development

Presenters: Mike Bezner – Assistant Director, Joe Marek – Traffic Safety Manager

Other Invitees: Dan Johnson - Director

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

No action is requested. This is informational.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Transportation and Development (DTD) is responsible for adding “No Parking” signs at locations where there is a potential hazard if parking were allowed. Requests for signs usually come from members of the public or from County staff. Each request is reviewed and an engineering investigation is completed. Generally, “No Parking” zones on County roads are considered if a potential hazard is identified in one of the following instances:

- Residential roads less than 28’ wide to support fire district requirements for vehicle access
- Safe sight distance is blocked by a parked vehicle
- Parking locations near intersections
- Areas of high pedestrian activity (e.g. around Barton Park)
- Trucks need space to enter and exit a driveway
- Signs with restricted hours near parks where the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) receives repeated complaints due to visitors violating park hours
- Where a large bank of mailboxes is present for an apartment. (Normally at the request of the Post Master)
- As requested by Fire/EMS in areas where 24 hours access is needed. (Example: wildfire access points)
- Multi-use trail crossings where additional sight distance is deemed necessary. (Example: Trolley Trail / Springwater Corridor)

As noted above, warrants for “No Parking” zones primarily relate to accessibility, sight distance and locations where there is a high level of pedestrian interaction.

When the investigation determines that a “No Parking” zone is warranted, signs are installed by DTD through the DTD Director’s delegated authority. Enforcement of “No Parking” zones is the responsibility of the CCSO. As such, CCSO is often consulted during the determination process.

There are nearly 1,000 “No Parking” signs and approximately 50 miles of yellow-painted curb installed on County roads. Currently DTD is working to replace yellow-painted curbs with new “No Parking” signs due to the higher maintenance burden of painted curbs and the better visibility of signs. We anticipate that this will result in an increase of up to 2,000 additional “No Parking” signs over the next few years. One “No Parking” sign costs about \$150 to procure and install, so these new signs have an estimated total project cost of approximately \$300,000. Funding comes from the County Road Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? \$ 150 per sign installed. What is the funding source? Road Fund.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals? Supports the Traffic Safety program purpose to provide services to all road users so they can safely and efficiently use the transportation system.
- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals? Supports the Board's strategic priorities to build a strong infrastructure and to ensure safe, healthy and secure communities.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS: N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION: N/A



OPTIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is requested. This is informational.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval 
Department Director/Head Approval 
County Administrator Approval _____

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