

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Randy Breault, Director of Public Works/City Engineer via City Manager

SUBJECT: "Sideshows" at Sierra Point north end Shared Use Parking

DATE: September 1, 2016

Recommendation:

Provide direction to staff on whether or not to implement the suggested measures to thwart sideshows from occurring in the area in question.

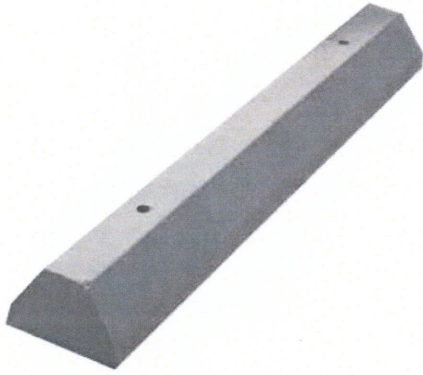
Background:

"Sideshow" is a term commonly used to describe an informal demonstration of automotive stunts held in vacant lots, public intersections, and on other public roadways. This demonstration often includes driving aggressively in a tight circle, resulting in smoke coming off the vehicle's drive tires and rubber marks being left on the pavement. Reported by many, and as seen in the attached Google Maps photo, the north end of the Shared Use Parking at Sierra Point has become a frequent location for sideshows.

From a legal perspective, sideshows are considered an illegal exhibition of speed, and are prohibited under California Vehicle Code section 23109c. These activities are difficult to prevent and to enforce against, unless an officer happens to be present to view the activity, or if the event is captured on video that clearly identifies the location and the perpetrator.

Discussion:

At Council's request, staff has developed a recommendation to make the Shared Use Parking area less inviting to sideshows. The recommendation is to install traditional concrete parking stops in the four rows of parking that run from east to west in this parking area.



This effort would require 164 wheel stops. Staff also recommends that we freshen all pavement paint striping, including the handicapped parking symbols.

An additional benefit of this installation is that the wheel stop installation will also limit the number of areas where oversized RVs can park.

Fiscal Impact:

If approved, the cost of this work will not exceed \$15,000. This money would come from the General Fund.

Measure of Success

If determined necessary, the installation of measures to discourage or prevent sideshows from occurring in the identified parking area.

Attachments

Google Map photo of north end Sierra Point Shared Use Parking

Director of Public Works/City Engineer

City Manager



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