



City of Santa Barbara  
Public Works Department

## Transportation and Circulation Committee

**DATE:** March 3, 2011  
**TO:** Transportation and Circulation Committee (TCC)  
**FROM:** Browning Allen, Transportation Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Brinkerhoff Avenue Parking

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the TCC consider the request of Brinkerhoff Residents regarding a one-way street.

### DISCUSSION:

To mitigate parking loss and cut-through traffic during the construction of the Haley/De La Vina Street Bridge, Brinkerhoff Avenue was temporarily reconfigured to provide for one-way traffic and angled parking. This increased the net parking to 41 spaces from the existing 35 spaces. In addition, it allowed for the closure of Haley Street at Chapala Street, moving all westbound traffic to Cota Street. During this time, some residents of Brinkerhoff Avenue have requested to make the temporary one-way and parking configurations permanent.

In response, the Transportation Division requested that the residents circulate a petition to gauge support for the change. The majority of residents on Brinkerhoff have signed the attached petition requesting the City make the temporary circulation and parking configuration permanent. Some of the residents would prefer one-way circulation, but with normal parallel parking, while a few would prefer the street to return to its prior configuration.

One of the unique features of Brinkerhoff Avenue which makes for a successful angled parking arrangement is that there are no driveways on the eastside. Brinkerhoff Avenue also has low traffic volume which allows for angled parking without causing traffic congestion.

### PERMANENT CONFIGURATION IMPROVMENTS:

To configure Brinkerhoff Avenue on a permanent basis to one-way with angled parking, the street termini should be reconfigured to prevent wrong-way movement from Haley Street and provide for protection of vehicles in the parking lane.

Both ends of Brinkerhoff would be reconstructed to provide a roadway width of 20 feet which would provide adequate width for truck traffic and emergency vehicles. The narrowing of the termini would also provide the necessary visual impact to drivers on Haley Street to assist them in recognizing the street as a one-way street and provide a better location for one-way signage.

Improvements would also include new access ramps and additional landscaping at both ends of the street. With the construction of these improvements, the number of actual angled parking spaces would be 42, one more space than the temporary configuration. With these improvements, the neighbor's request to make the temporary one-way parking configuration permanent is supportable.

**BENEFITS :**

Configuring Brinkerhoff Avenue on a permanent basis will provide for an additional 7 parking spaces. With the one-way configuration, Haley Street traffic flow would be improved by eliminating the left-turn into Brinkerhoff Avenue. The one-way circulation would not adversely effect the volume of traffic on Cota Street.

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Attachment

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