

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize Temporary Commercial Surface Parking on Oregon Department of Transportation Blocks in the Central Eastside (Ordinance, waive Title 33 and Stormwater Management Manual)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In Resolution 37147, adopting the Central City 2035 Southeast Quadrant Plan, City Council directed PBOT to initiate and manage a District Parking Pilot Program on the northern portion of the ODOT Blocks in the Central Eastside, to allow commercial off-street parking to be leased on a month-to-month basis for employees and residents of the district. On October 28, 2015 Portland City Council authorized ordinance 187410 waiving Title 33 and Stormwater Management Manual on the northern portion of the ODOT Blocks and on that same day Council authorized ordinance 187409 allowing an interim Commercial Off-Street Parking Pilot Program. Since then, the entire northern block of the ODOT blocks has successfully operated as a parking lot, providing parking spaces to employees in the Central Eastside.

This ordinance removes R649672050, retains R649670330 from the current ordinance and adds two additional lots to the south, including R649670250 and R649670290 as noted in Exhibit A. Prosper Portland is currently in the process of purchasing these parcels from the Oregon Department of Transportation. This transaction is expected to close in July 2017 and Prosper Portland intends to develop these sites with high density jobs that will likely include structured off-street parking and potentially provide for a district parking solution. In the interim, Prosper Portland would utilize the sites to provide temporary parking relief for the Central Eastside. Several code provisions, in Title 33 and the Stormwater Management Manual, prevent these properties from currently operating as a surface parking lot.

Significant job growth in the Central Eastside, along with a historic development pattern that does not provide much off-street parking, has placed significant pressure on the on-street parking supply. Employees and short term parking needs are generally competing for limited on-street parking, which is full for much of the workday. Analysis of parking use in the Central Eastside in 2016 illustrated very high on-street parking occupancy in the district, higher in fact than in 2014, the last time PBOT conducted a similar study.

Continuing to temporarily allow and extend parking on all of the parcels to be purchased by Prosper Portland will provide immediate relief to the parking system and allow for Prosper Portland to evaluate the potential for district parking as part of the redevelopment and identify partnerships to support a district parking strategy.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There is no budgetary impact to this council action.

Community impacts and community involvement:

There is broad support for parking on the ODOT Blocks, and no known opposition. The Central Eastside Industrial Council's Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) is a standing group that works closely with PBOT staff on the ongoing implementation of the recommendations from the Central Eastside Parking Management Plan. The TPAC includes business and neighborhood representatives, was closely involved with the development of the plan in 2012 and was represented on the SE Quadrant Plan SAC. The SE Quad SAC also had broad representation from affected neighborhoods within the Central Eastside, beyond the TPAC membership. TPAC was a partner for the Pilot Program and will continue to be a partner for the interim use of the Prosper Portland sites and the development of a district parking strategy for the Central Eastside.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

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