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NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 11

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2021-124: Repealing Resolution No. 2021-32 and Designating a Portion of 31st Street in Cannery Village as a One-Way Street

ABSTRACT:

On April 27, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-32, which changed the designation of 30th Street and 31st Street in Cannery Village, between Lafayette Avenue and Villa Way, from one-way streets to two-way streets. Staff has been monitoring this change and has received concerns from local business owners on 31st Street that the change in circulation to a two-way street has caused incidents of traffic conflicts, safety issues and parking problems. Staff has reviewed the circulation and the operation of 31st Street and has determined that traffic conditions would improve with this portion of 31st Street being restored to the previous operation as a one-way street in the westerly direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-124, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Repealing City Council Resolution No. 2021-32 and Designating a Portion of 31st Street in Cannery Village as a One-Way Street.*

DISCUSSION:

Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 12.52.010 establishes that an ordinance or resolution may designate any street as a one-way street, and the City Traffic Engineer shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof.

On April 27, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-32, designating portions of 31st Street and 30th Street in the Cannery Village area as two-way streets. Resolution No. 2021-32 is included as Attachment B.

At the time, it was decided that two-way street designations for 31st Street and 30th Street, between Lafayette Avenue and Villa Way, would possibly better facilitate the flow of traffic in the area. Traffic signs and markings were installed to establish the two-way operation on the designated streets. Subsequently, local residents and business owners have contacted staff to communicate their observations of aggressive and unsafe driving on 31st Street. Additionally, the Police Department has noted regular incidents of wrong-way parking.

There have been no concerns provided to staff indicating that the current two-way operation of 30th Street, between Lafayette Avenue and Villa Way, has been a problem. Therefore, 30th Street would remain as a two-way street.

Staff has monitored and concluded that traffic conditions can be improved by reverting the existing two-way designation on 31st Street, between Lafayette Avenue and Villa Way, back to a one-way traffic operation in the westerly direction. Attachment A shows the portion of 31st Street with the proposed change.

A letter (Attachment D) was mailed to the area residents/property owners notifying them of the proposed change. As of the writing of this staff report, no responses to the letter have been received.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Map
Attachment B – Resolution No. 2021-32
Attachment C – Resolution No. 2021-124
Attachment D – Letter