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Chris Michaels
Dear City Council,

As you may have seen and/or already heard about, we are nearly complete with the angled parking striping transition on Richmond St. It looks good. Public Works staff was out there today to finalize a few design modifications that will better accommodate business needs during this pilot phase. This includes installing loading zones on the west side of the street that were previously located on the east side. Recall, the east side is now a travel lane and therefore loading zones cannot be located on that side of the street. Other adjustments may be made as we transition through this pilot phase based on user and community feedback over the next several weeks/months, and this temporary change will serve as a great test run for the final street modifications to be implemented in about 15-18 months.

You may get some feedback from the community as well, and so I'd like to bring to your attention a few issues based on observations as well as comments we received yesterday and today:

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3. Additional lane stripes and traffic delineators will be installed on Franklin (approaching Grand in both directions) to help direct traffic away from the bulb-outs.

4. You have all received the email regarding St. Michael's daycare. I am happy to take action on any alteration at City Council's direction to address this issue. Please note that the public ROW is 10ft, but the sidewalk is only 4 ft wide. The daycare playground encroaches into the public ROW by 6ft, which may limit some of our options (e.g., bollards) without reclaiming additional public ROW space back.

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I do want to stress again that the striping plan is a Pilot Project, and as such serves as a test run for community acceptance. All the feedback we receive will influence the final design considerations to hopefully ensure the completed project is a success. Please note that when we start the final design and preparation of construction documents phase, we'll have significant community involvement and outreach prior to adopting a final plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Hello,

My name is Amber Terins and I live on the 300 block of Richmond Street. I am also the President of our HOA for the Richmond Villas located at 360-378 Richmond Street.

The City Council of El Segundo has chosen to re-stripe the 300 block of Richmond Street. What was once traditional curb parking on both sides of the street is now diagonal parking accessible only on the West side. This change, unfortunately, has resulted in an extremely unsafe and unacceptable parking and driving situation and needs to be reverted back to traditional curbside parking immediately.

The reasons for this are the following:

- The 300 block of Richmond Street is the only street in El Segundo where residents can no longer park in front of their homes.
- The street remains a 2 way street which is now too narrow for cars to travel in both directions safely.
- There has already been 1 accident and numerous close calls in the short time since the parking was changed. It is extremely difficult to see traffic in both directions when you are backing up.
- Parking is only accessible from 1 direction.
- Since it is a 2 way street, cars have to make a three point turn when traveling Northbound to park and therefore block traffic in both directions.
- When vehicles make a three point turn to park, the rear of the vehicle backs up to the East side of Richmond Street into the sidewalk where children and strollers are often walking.
- There are numerous children that live in the area and a daycare center at 361 Richmond Street. These children walk and ride their bikes along Richmond Street and now traffic is racing by on the East side of Richmond Street within inches of where they walk.
- The parking spaces are substandard. They are only 7 feet and 2 inches wide. The average vehicle is over six feet wide making it virtually impossible to enter or exit your vehicle once parked without damaging other cars.
- Since the stalls are so narrow, 20% to 40% of the cars are parked incorrectly and are usually on the stripe, making the adjacent space unusable.
- The City of Los Angeles Building and Safety code states the minimum parking space is to be 8'4" for a standard parking stall and 8'6" for dwelling parking stalls. The new parking along Richmond Street is at best sub compact parking stalls.

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• My neighbors and I will be at the next City Council meeting to address this extremely unsafe driving and parking situation in front of our homes.

Thank you,

Amber Terins
Dear El Segundo City Council Members,

We are Amy and John Albin and we own a home on the 300 block of Richmond Street. We also serve as Secretary and Treasurer of our Homeowners Association for the Richmond Villas located at 360-378 Richmond Street.

We are writing to express our concerns about the recent project to re-stripe the 300 block of Richmond Street.

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The Richmond Street homeowners affected by this project were not officially notified of this project by the City. Unofficially, we were told by a City employee that the current project is “temporary” until the City bids the permanent project that will widen the street by 2 feet on each side.

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Thank you,
Amy and John Albin
Shilling, Mona

From: Chris Michaels <surfjmichaels@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 4:28 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS; Stack, Rebecca; Carpenter, Greg; Hensley, Mark (City Attorney); saintmichaelscc@gmail.com; Angela van Hover
Subject: Re: Dangerous Parking Alteration

All,

I have only received one response from the city on this issue. This is disappointing and leaves me with perception that the city of el segundo cares more about parking at the antique shop than the safety of our children. Today's additional city addition of a massive loading zone that benefits one store and even further reduces parking has only reinforced that idea for me. I'm asking everyone here to respond that you have at least received my message.

Regards,

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Dear El Segundo City Council Members,

My name is Melissa Hoffman and I live on Holly/Richmond Street. I am writing because I am deeply concerned about how the recent changes to Richmond Street impact the safety of my family and all residents of El Segundo who walk along Richmond Street like we do on a daily basis.

The street is far too narrow to allow for 2 way traffic and diagonal parking. Because there is no longer parallel parking along the East side of Richmond Street, cars are driving very closely to the curb, within inches of where children and residents are walking. All it will take for something devastating to happen is a vehicle to swerve slightly and they will end up on the sidewalk. I have already witnessed numerous cars that have come close to hitting each other because oncoming traffic has a difficult time seeing cars that are backing up.

Because the diagonal parking is accessible only while driving southbound, northbound cars have to make a 3 point turn. This not only blocks traffic, but even more concerning is that they back up right into the sidewalk.

We hope the City Council will do the right thing for the residents of El Segundo and revert the parking along Richmond Street back to parallel parking.

Thank you,

Melissa Hoffman

Sent from my iPhone
10/30/2014

El Segundo City Council:

My name is Chad Stephen and I live at 370 Richmond St. with my wife Victoria and our infant daughter Lillian. The parking in front of our home was recently changed from parallel parking to diagonal parking on one side resulting in an unsafe environment for my family and all El Segundo residents utilizing Richmond St. I am writing this letter to urge the City Council to change the parking back to parallel parking and fix the unsafe and unnecessary re-striping on our block.

I have personally witnessed 4 close calls in the last 6 days between cars driving on the now narrowed Richmond St. with one also involving a pedestrian. Cars now have to weave to avoid vehicles from the opposite direction all along our block. As I am writing this letter, I have seen multiple delivery trucks and the El Segundo courtesy bus drive by with barely enough room to safely pass a bicycle let alone cars driving the opposite direction. These vehicles never had a problem navigating our block safely until now. After this change, my wife and I now have to think twice before walking to our neighborhood restaurants with our baby and leashed dog given the cars driving and weaving only inches away.

Prior to this re-striping, we did not have a parking crisis on our block. Visitors were always able to park close to my home with ease. This new striping did not significantly increase the number of spots and has significantly decreased the safety of our neighborhood.

It took only a handful of hours to stripe the diagonal parking on our block and I expect it to take the same time or less to put it back to the safe parallel parking that it was previously. Please fix this before anyone is seriously injured.

I will be attending the next City Council Meeting and would be happy to expand on any of these points as well as discuss ways to avoid this issue in the future.

Regards,

CHAD STEPHEN
370 Richmond St. El Segundo, CA 90245
Chad.stephen@gmail.com
805-705-5960
Dear El Segundo City Council Members,

My name is Sanjay Roy and my wife Tracy and I own a home on the 300 block of Richmond Street. We are writing to express our concerns about the recent project to re-stripe the 300 block of Richmond Street. Why is this even necessary when there is plenty of parking in the 99 cent store structure, and on both Grand and Main streets? Why weren’t we as homeowners even notified of the project given that we are now in the minority of being the only street (300 block of Richmond) where we can’t park in front of our homes?

Over the past week, my wife and I have noticed that the new re-stripe is more of an annoyance than a benefit. The street remains a two way street although parking is only accessible from one direction. This makes absolutely no sense! We have two small children and the spaces don’t even allow for us to put them into their respective car seats without backing up into the middle of the street. We believe the change has no merit and would like to see the parking reverted back to a more feasible curbside vs. diagonal parking.

In four years of living on this block, parking and safety have never been an issue until the City decided to increase the number of parking spots in our area for no apparent reason. As mentioned before, our block is served by structured parking and there is no need to add more parking to our area (we have never had an issue). Our block is full of young children (both at our complex and across the street at St. Michaels Preschool) and the City’s solution is putting them at risk. We have already witnessed one accident and several close calls as folks are speeding up our street and having to make 3 point turns to park.

As a long-time El Segundo resident (and tax payer) I urge the city to relocate the diagonal merchant parking away from the homeowner’s properties and move them to areas that service local merchants. The 300 block of Richmond Street is home to families and not just local businesses. We do not want our property lines and home values negatively impacted when other solutions are available. If you elect to rip up the street and cut into our lawns, our property values will surely suffer. Where is the fairness in that? Several of the residents of our townhouse complex on the 300 block of Richmond will be at the next City Council meeting with our neighbors to voice our concerns.

Thank you,

Sanjay and Tracy Roy
This item is not on the agenda, she’s referring to people who are coming to speak under “Public Communications” would we normally provide copies to Council of correspondence not related to an agenda item? I’m fine with providing copies just not something I’ve been asked before.

Hi Greg,

I was informed by the city council office that my emails will suffice as my request that this issue be addressed so please include them with the requests from the school representative and other parents who attend tonight.

Thank you.

On Oct 31, 2014, at 2:27 PM, Carpenter, Greg <gcarpenter@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Ms. Weinstock,

At this point, the issue is not formally scheduled to come back to City Council. My understanding is that several other parents from the pre-school may be attending the City Council meeting next Tuesday (November 4 at 7:00 pm) to address the City Council and ask that the issues be addressed. City Council would have the option at that time of placing the item on the next or a future agenda for discussion. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

Greg

Greg and Marie,

Based on an email I just got back from Stephanie she said the request to change the striping back would need to come from city council. Can you let me know when that will happen?
Dear Heather,

The striping that you see now is somewhat temporary, and part of the City's Pilot Project to see what works and what doesn't prior to implementing the final design and reconstruction of Richmond St. The proposed final design calls for parallel parking and 10ft sidewalks/setbacks in front of the church/daycare and town homes (i.e., to remain as they were prior to restriping). The rest of Richmond will be widened by 4 ft to accommodate angled parking on the west side AND parallel parking on the east side. The reason angled parking was temporarily installed over the whole street is because the streets have not yet been widened, and we needed to ensure proper alignment of the N/S travel lanes in the interim. You are correct that the overall goal of reconfiguring Richmond St. is to increase the availability of parking, which has become quite impacted recently. The current configuration adds 25% more parking in the 300 block alone.

Reconstruction of Richmond St. is tentatively scheduled for early 2016. In the interim, the City will be finalizing its design based on this pilot striping project (which includes community input), developing construction documents and then putting the project out to bid. The work will likely be ready to go prior to 15 months, but we plan to delay construction until after the holidays next year, thus the extended timeline for implementation.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'd be happy to answer them.

Warm Regards,

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From: Heather Weinstock <hweinstock@me.com>
Date: October 29, 2014 at 6:42:07 PM PDT
To: Marie Fellhauer <marieforcitycouncil@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: New Parking on Richmond Street

Hi Marie,

Thank you for writing back (you are the only that did.) I appreciate this matter is being taken seriously and the parallel parking will be reinstated. When you hear a timeframe I would appreciate it if you could let me know.

Heather
On Oct 29, 2014, at 5:24 PM, Marie Fellhauer <marieforcitycouncil@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello Heather,

Thank you for taking the time to write to us about your concerns. We are looking for feedback on this issue and my understanding is that parallel parking will be reinstated in front of the properties on the north half of the 300 block of Richmond. I don't know the time frame for this, but the issue will be addressed. Safety is a big concern for us.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you need anything. My cell number is below.

Warmest regards,
~Marie

Marie Fellhauer, Council Member
City of El Segundo
(310) 529-5919
mfellhauer@elsegundo.org

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2014, at 10:08 AM, Heather Weinstock <hweinstock@me.com> wrote:

City Council Members,

I’ve been a resident of El Segundo for almost 4 years and my son attends St. Michael’s Children’s Center. It is very concerning to me to see the new parking configuration on Richmond between Holly and Grand. As you all know there are a high number of deadly accidents that occur when a driver steps on the gas instead of brake, and now those cars are headed right for the school. Correct me if I’m wrong but I imagine this was done to provide more parking, and thus more customers, to the local businesses to increase their profits. I have to say if that is the case I’m disgusted that profits have been put above the safety of our children. Please advise on what steps you are going to take to ensure no child is injured, or worse, due to this change.

Heather Weinstock
Who in the world designed and then approved this new parking set up? Have any of you tried it out? Today I saw 3 people try to make a u-turn to get into a spot. And backing up if a car or truck is coming watch out! Awful design and I hope you change it back to the way it was.

Thanks

Janet Bradfield
The City of El Segundo has created dangerous driving and parking conditions on Richmond St. It is no longer a safe two way street. Two cars cannot comfortably drive towards each other any longer. The parked cars backing up into traffic are causing confusion and delays. The large trucks for the 99 Cent store cause delays and obstruct the road. The amount of available parking has decreased.
I am in this area daily for shopping, the restaurants and Athletic Grace Studio. I hate what has happened to the area. The City needs to rectify this current situation.
Thank you for your time.

Arleen Reed
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Related to Council item

From: Salvador Rivas [mailto:rivass@dornsife.usc.edu]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 1:32 PM
To: Torres, Dana; Carpenter, Greg
Subject: RE: Dangerous Parking Alteration- Near El Segundo Children

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

We’re looking forward to the city council meeting to learn more about this situation.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Salvador Rivas
Executive Director, Corporate Relations
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From: Torres, Dana [mailto:dtorres@rand.org]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 1:24 PM
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Subject: Dangerous Parking Alteration- Near El Segundo Children

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

I have two daughters that attend St. Michael's Children's Center, Maya 3 ½ and Adelina, 6 months old. We are residents of El Segundo and moved here two years ago because of the quaint, safe, small-town feeling it provided. We are planning on raising our daughters here and as such, are very concerned about the recent parking change on Richmond Street. Not only because of the aesthetic changes, which were noted by Mr. Arthur Verge in the recent El Segundo Herald article "The End of Mayberry by the Sea" (page 3) but because of the safety concerns posed to our children.

After reading the Pedal Application Errors document from the NHTSA it reminded me of the elderly man who misapplied the brake when driving near the Farmer's Market in Santa Monica and killed 10 people, two of which where children. Eleven years later the lawsuit is finally closed, but the horror of this incident is still fresh in my mind: http://articles.latimes.com/2008/may/22/local/me-market22

It is clear to me that the parking change to Richmond Street is dangerous to our children and should be remedied immediately. I understand the need for more parking and recognize the push from
business to provide additional parking, but the safety and well-being of children in El Segundo, needs to be of primary concern.

My husband or I will be at the city council meeting on the 18th and look forward to hearing more on this issue and the city's plans to rectify the situation quickly.

Thank you,
Dana Rivas

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From: Carpenter, Greg
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 2:41 PM
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Subject: FW: New Parking on Richmond Street

For next Tuesday's agenda

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Hi Greg,

I will be unable to attend the meeting on the 18th as I will be out of town. I am writing once again to strongly request you revert back to the original parallel parking in front of St. Michael’s as soon as possible.

Thank you

On Nov 3, 2014, at 8:36 AM, Carpenter, Greg <gcarpenter@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Heather,

The correct time for people to address the City Council regarding this topic would be under Public Communications which is the second item on the agenda after Presentations. There is one presentation so I’m assuming that we will get to Public Communications at about 7:05-7:10 pm.

Greg

From: Heather Weinstock [mailto:hweinstock@me.com]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 7:20 AM
To: Carpenter, Greg
Cc: Katsouelas, Stephanie; Fellhauer, Marie (Council Member)
Subject: Re: New Parking on Richmond Street

Greg,

Can you please tell me the agenda for the meeting tomorrow and at what time this issue will be addressed? I don't have time to sit there and wait indefinitely.

Thank you.

On Oct 31, 2014, at 2:27 PM, "Carpenter, Greg" <gcarpenter@elsegundo.org> wrote:
Ms. Weinstock,

At this point, the issue is not formally scheduled to come back to City Council. My understanding is that several other parents from the pre-school may be attending the City Council meeting next Tuesday (November 4 at 7:00 pm) to address the City Council and ask that the issues be addressed. City Council would have the option at that time of placing the item on the next or a future agenda for discussion. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

Greg

From: Heather Weinstock [mailto:hweinstock@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Katsouleas, Stephanie
Cc: Carpenter, Greg; Fellhauer, Marie (Council Member)
Subject: Re: New Parking on Richmond Street

Greg and Marie,

Based on an email I just got back from Stephanie she said the request to change the striping back would need to come from city council. Can you let me know when that will happen?

On Oct 30, 2014, at 8:02 AM, Katsouleas, Stephanie <skatsouleas@elsegundo.org> wrote:

Dear Heather,

The striping that you see now is somewhat temporary, and part of the City's Pilot Project to see what works and what doesn't prior to implementing the final design and reconstruction of Richmond St. The proposed final design calls for parallel parking and 10ft sidewalks/setbacks in front of the church/daycare and town homes (i.e., to remain as they were prior to restriping). The rest of Richmond will be widened by 4 ft to accommodate angled parking on the west side AND parallel parking on the east side. The reason angled parking was temporarily installed over the whole street is because the streets have not yet been widened, and we needed to ensure proper alignment of the N/S travel lanes in the interim. You are correct that the overall goal of reconfiguring Richmond St. is to increase the availability of parking, which has become quite impacted recently. The current configuration adds 25% more parking in the 300 block alone.

Reconstruction of Richmond St. is tentatively scheduled for early 2016. In the interim, the City will be finalizing its design based on this pilot striping project (which includes community input), developing construction documents and then putting the project out to bid. The work will likely be ready to go prior to 15 months, but we plan to delay construction until after the holidays next year, thus the extended timeline for implementation.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'd be happy to answer them.

Warm Regards,
Stephanie Katsouleas, P.E.
Director of Public Works

310-524-2356
310-640-0489

City Hall is closed on Fridays
Hi Marie,

Thank you for writing back (you are the only that did.) I appreciate this matter is being taken seriously and the parallel parking will be reinstated. When you hear a timeframe I would appreciate it if you could let me know.

Heather

On Oct 29, 2014, at 5:24 PM, Marie Fellhauer <marieforcitycouncil@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Heather,

Thank you for taking the time to write to us about your concerns. We are looking for feedback on this issue and my understanding is that parallel parking will be reinstated in front of the properties on the north half of the 300 block of Richmond. I don't know the time frame for this, but the issue will be addressed. Safety is a big concern for us.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you need anything. My cell number is below.

Warmest regards,
~Marie

Marie Fellhauer, Council Member
City of El Segundo
(310) 529-5919
mfellhauer@elsegundo.org

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2014, at 10:08 AM, Heather Weinstock <hweinstock@me.com> wrote:

City Council Members,
I’ve been a resident of El Segundo for almost 4 years and my son attends St. Michael’s Children’s Center. It is very concerning to me to see the new parking configuration on Richmond between Holly and Grand. As you all know there are a high number of deadly accidents that occur when a driver steps on the gas instead of brake, and now those cars are headed right for the school. Correct me if I’m wrong but I imagine this was done to provide more parking, and thus more customers, to the local businesses to increase their profits. I have to say if that is the case I’m disgusted that profits have been put above the safety of our children. Please advise on what steps you are going to take to ensure no child is injured, or worse, due to this change.