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**MEMO**

To: John Rooney

Re: Parking on 17<sup>th</sup> Street west of Phillips Avenue (Austin-Phillips)

Recommendations: Post “No Parking” south side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Phillips Avenue west to Austin Street. Maintain the “No Parking” restrictions on the north side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street (same limits) with the exception of a small section allowing 2 Hour Parking; Post “2-Hour Parking Anytime {94-143 (12)} from Ventura Carpentry, Inc. – shop entrance to the alley (Phillips/Murray - 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>).

Existing field conditions: 17<sup>th</sup> Street (Austin to Phillips) is a 36 foot face to face asphalt over concrete street through an industrial neighborhood with heavy truck traffic. Currently the north side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street does not allow for parking but the south side of the road has no restrictions on parking. It was also witnessed that a lot of cars park in front of several of the delivery points on the Shurpac, Inc building. Shurpac, Inc. employees utilize all of the available on-street parking on 17<sup>th</sup> Street even though the company owns two gravel parking lots on either side of Austin Street north of 17<sup>th</sup>. (See Pictures)

Discovery: I talked with Jeff Ventura (Ventura Carpentry, Inc.) and Bob (?) owner of Shurpac, Inc. on site on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. At the time of our discussion the Shurpac, Inc. building was receiving several deliveries (there are multiple businesses within that building) and the trucks were stacked up out in the street waiting for their turn. I also noticed that when the trucks were trying to maneuver into a delivery bay, because of the tight quarters on the roadway, it took quite a while to facilitate them. This blocked traffic on 17<sup>th</sup> street for extended periods of time. (See Pictures)

Bob preferred that we post the south side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street in front of “his” building as No Parking. He cannot figure why people would want their cars parked on the street during hours of operation with the amount of deliveries they receive and the size of the vehicles making those deliveries. The cars have become accustom to which delivery bays are in operation or not so they currently block those that are not operating. The situation only gets worse during the winter months when the roadway narrows with snow banks, cars and no parkways to store snow. He was all for forcing his own employees into the two parking lots that he owns and that are underutilized. All of the no parking restrictions on the north side of the street are for allowing trucks to maneuver into delivery bays of his building.

Jeff Ventura would love to have “No Parking” on the south side of the street also, but his delivery concerns do not warrant the same attention that Shurpac, Inc. does. They utilize smaller

trucks (See Pictures). His concerns are different, there is no place to legally park and visit his building, plus at time he does have to stage trucks as they load for deliveries.

The west side of Phillips is posted as "No Parking" because of the truck traffic and the fact that the offset 17<sup>th</sup> Street intersection makes it impossible to allow parking on Phillips in this area. There is no option here.

He said he really would only need parking availability for one or two cars and for a short period of time. The only place where that could occur without affecting truck traffic for Shurpac deliveries is the small section on 17<sup>th</sup> Street between the delivery bay for his building and the alley just west of his building. There is a hydrant located in this section that would also affect the size of available parking. He would prefer a two hour limit to deter the Shurpac, Inc. employee parking, he would also prefer an alternative that doesn't have to pay for; a.k.a. loading zone signage etc.. This option really is the only possibility. This is the only area along 17<sup>th</sup> street that doesn't have a delivery bay across the street that would require the north side of the street to be clear of parked cars to allow for maneuvering. The rest of the two block area is either covered by entrance locations or too close to corners or across the street from a delivery bays.

Both Jeff and Bob mentioned that even though the roadway is posted "No Parking" on the north side of the street, they have both witnessed cars parking there at times for extended periods of time without receiving tickets. So it might seem that enforcement in the area may need some additional consideration, especially if we are planning on changing the the restrictions in the area.

From:



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PHILLIPS & 17TH - NW CORNER - NO PARKING



17TH ST. VENTURA DELIVERY



17TH ST. LOOKING EAST



17TH ST @ MURRAY - TRUCK BLOCKING TRAFFIC



17TH STREET LOOKING WEST.



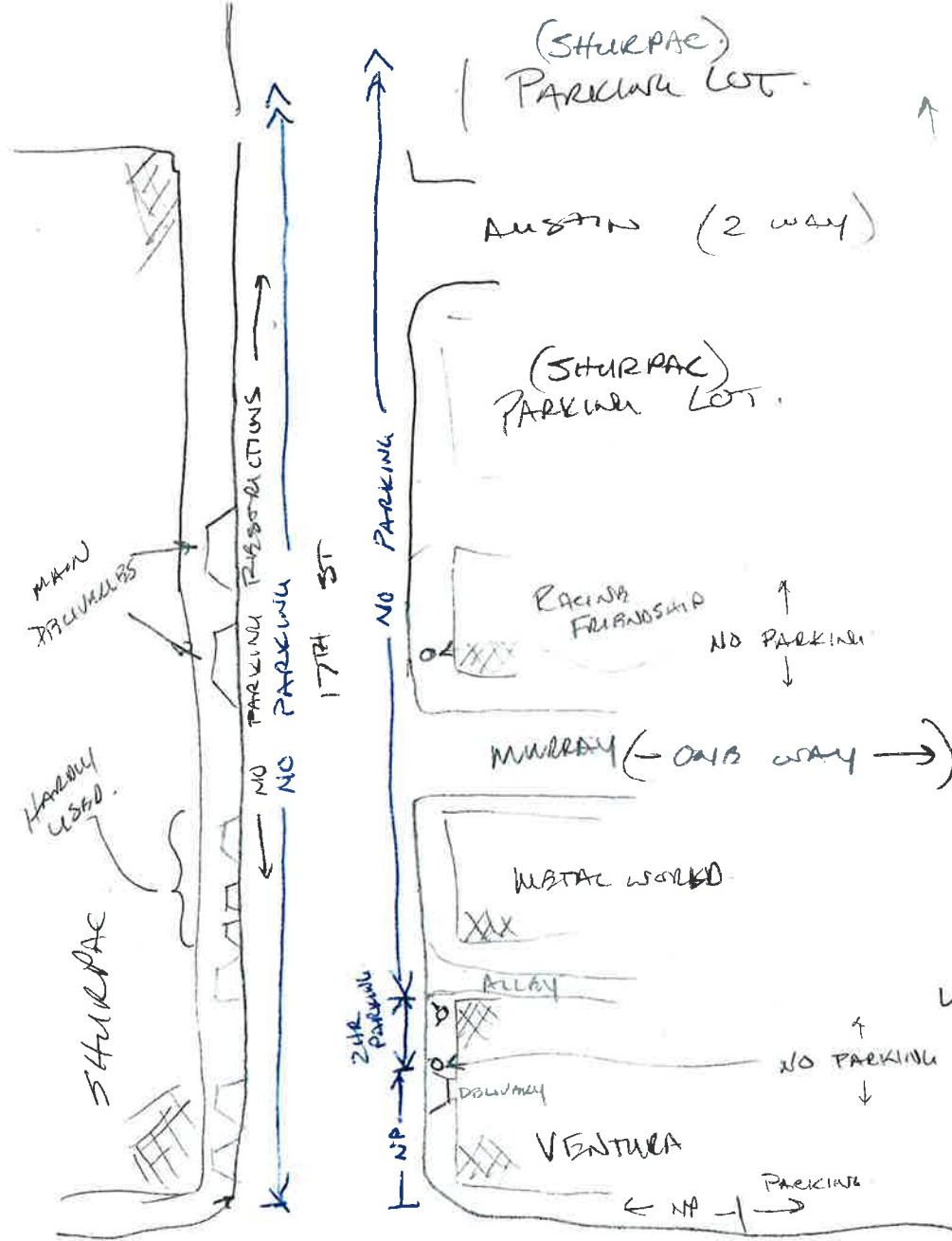
17TH STREET - DELIVERY TRUCKS - STACKED



17TH STREET - SOUTH SIDE PARKING - BLOCKING  
DRIVEWAY BAYS



PHILLIPS AVE. LOOKING SOUTH



↑ NEXT ST. ← ONE WAY

☐ = DELIVERY DRIVY.

WHAT "THEY" WANT.

- I MET W/ JEFF VENTURA OF VENTURA CARPENTRY & BOB(?) FROM SHURPAC.

- CURRENTLY THERE IS NO PARKING ALLOWED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 17TH ST. AND NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE

- SHURPAC EMPLOYEES USE EVERY AVAILABLE SPOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD. SHURPAC ALSO OWNS THE TWO PARKING LOTS NEAR AUSTIN & 17TH, NORTH OF 17TH.

- I WITNESSED MULTIPLE TRUCK JOCKEYING FOR POSITION MAKING DELIVERIES AND BLOCKING THE ROAD FOR EXTENDED AMOUNT OF TIME TRYING TO BACK INTO BAY. BOB(?) HAS NO PROBLEM WITH POSTING THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD AS "NO PARKING". HE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY THEY WANT THEIR CARS PARKED OUT IN THE STREET DURING DELIVERIES.

PHILLIPS



- JEFF (VENTURA) WOULD ALSO LIKE "NO PARKING" ON THE SOUTH SIDE TO AID HIS DELIVERIES AND TRUCK TRAFFIC. HE WOULD ALSO WANT THE NO PARKING MAINTAIN ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL SECTION BETWEEN HIS DELIVERY DOOR AND THE ALLEY SO HE CAN STACK DELIVERIES AND TRUCK TRAFFIC

# AECOM INFRA/PAVE PAVEMENT MANAG

01-Oct-14

## Pavement Information Search Results

Street Name	Project	Block	Polygon	Last Denied Jurs.	Classification
SEVENTEENTH ST	14ASS-SEVENTEENTH ST-OHIO	OHIO ST TO VIRGINIA ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	10/7/2003	Y LOCAL
	SEVENTEENTH ST-VIRGINIA TO I	VIRGINIA ST TO ILLINOIS ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	10/7/2003	Y LOCAL
14ASS-SEVENTEENTH ST-ILLINO	ILLINOIS ST TO OREGON ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	10/7/2003	Y LOCAL
	SEVENTEENTH ST-OREGON TO I	OREGON ST TO INDIANA ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	10/7/2003	Y LOCAL
19ASS-SEVENTEENTH ST-INDIAN	INDIANA ST TO KENTUCKY ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	5/21/2013	Y LOCAL
	19ASS-SEVENTEENTH ST-KENTU	KENTUCKY ST TO ORCHARD S	ENTIRE BLOCK	5/21/2013	Y LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-ORCHARD TO	ORCHARD ST TO RUSSET ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	RUSSET ST TO LATHROP AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-CLEVELAND T	CLEVELAND AVE TO CONNOLL	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-CONNOLLY T	CONNOLLY AVE TO BLAINE AV	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-BLAINE TO H	BLAINE AVE TO HAYES AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	SEVENTEENTH ST-HAYES TO VI	HAYES AVE TO VICTORY AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-GROVE TO W	VICTORY AVE TO WEST BLVD	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	SEVENTEENTH ST-WEST BLVD T	WEST BLVD TO DEANE BLVD	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-WEST BLVD T	DEANE BLVD TO QUINCY AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	QUINCY AVE TO THURSTON A	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-WEST BLVD T	THURSTON AVE TO GRANGE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	GRANGE AVE TO FLETT AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-WEST BLVD T	FLETT AVE TO HOLMES AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	HOLMES AVE TO BOYD AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-WEST BLVD T	BOYD AVE TO KEARNEY AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	KEARNEY AVE TO TAYLOR AV	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-TAYLOR TO P	TAYLOR AVE TO MORTON AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	MORTON AVE TO AUSTIN AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-TAYLOR TO P	AUSTIN AVE TO MURRAY AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	MURRAY AVE TO PHILLIPS AV	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-PHILLIPS TO	PHILLIPS AVE TO PACKARD A	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	PACKARD AVE TO SOUTH ME	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-S MEMORIAL	SOUTH MEMORIAL DR TO DEA	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-DEAD END TO	DEAD END TO HOLBORN ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	SEVENTEENTH ST-HOLBORNE T	HOLBORN ST TO RACINE ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-RACINE TO W	RACINE ST TO MEAD ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	MEAD ST TO HOWE ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-RACINE TO W	HOWE ST TO FRANKLIN ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	FRANKLIN ST TO CENTER ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-RACINE TO W	CENTER ST TO GRAND AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	GRAND AVE TO VILLA ST	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
SEVENTEENTH ST-RACINE TO W	VILLA ST TO PARK AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL
	PARK AVE TO COLLEGE AVE	ENTIRE BLOCK	ENTIRE BLOCK	Y	LOCAL