

***Exhibit E***

# Addressing Sidewalk Parking In Oakland

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities

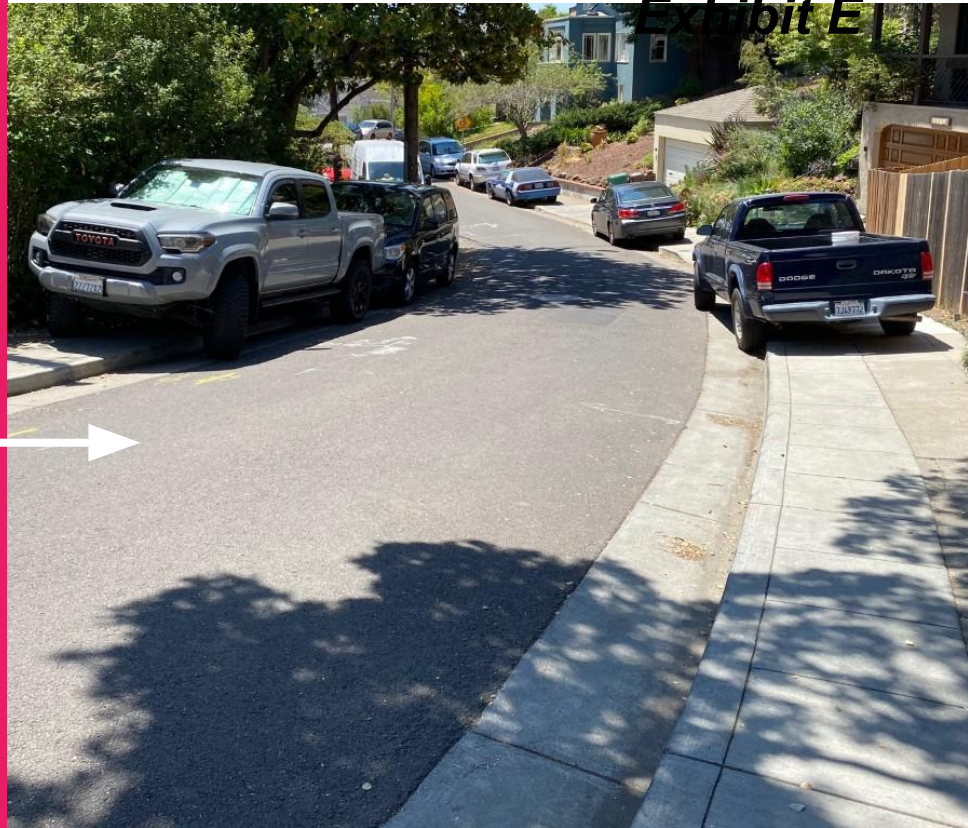
8/15/2022

# AGENDA

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1. Toward a Shared Understanding of the Problem
2. Background/Context
3. Next steps

# Toward a shared understanding of the Problem



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Image is a photo of Underhills Road in Oakland depicting many vehicles parked on the sidewalk

# Sidewalk parking

- Is illegal (even if sidewalk is not fully obstructed)
- Obstructs the public right-of-way, creating a potential safety hazard
- Negatively affects all sidewalk users, but especially persons with disabilities, seniors, children and people with strollers
- Tends to occur more often on narrow streets
- May be increasing as vehicles get wider

# Background/Context

**Law, Memos, & Citation History**

# California Vehicle Code

**22500.** A person shall not stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle ... **(f)** On a portion of a sidewalk, or with the body of the vehicle extending over a portion of a sidewalk...

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August 26, 2004

Hand-delivered and by U.S. Mail

TO THE RESIDENTS OF UNDERHILLS ROAD

Dear Underhills Road residents,

We have reached an agreement that will allow residents of Underhills Road to continue to use both sides of the street for parking while preserving sidewalk access for Gregory Jurn.

The agreement is as follows:

1. Underhills residents are required to trim their vegetation to ensure that it does not encroach on sidewalk access. Hedges and other plantings may no longer protrude onto the sidewalk and residents must ensure careful and consistent trimming. The date for completion of trimming is September 12. Beginning on Monday, September 13, any resident who does not comply will be subject to receipt of an abatement notice from the City.
2. Underhills parking will be restricted as follows:

On the even side of the street, parkers shall maintain a **minimum of 36 inches** and a maximum of 48 inches for pedestrian access to the sidewalk. The City will investigate the feasibility of a wider sidewalk corridor in the future. In order to ensure that the minimum is consistently maintained, the City will use water-based paint and dashed lines on the sidewalk to indicate the 36-inch minimum space that parked cars must permit for sidewalk access. These minimally intrusive marking will be completed by September 30, 2004.

On the odd side of the street parkers must leave as much room for vehicles to pass as possible.

## 2004 Letter from City Attorney





Image is a photo of a vehicle parked on the sidewalk, next to an image of a letter from the City Attorney addressed to “Residents of Underhills Road”.

# Next Steps

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1. Continue Citywide outreach
2. Determine what operational street changes are necessary
3. Use enforcement to complement street changes

# Education and outreach

- Press release
- City Council informational report
- Letters to homes on narrow streets
- Visiting Neighborhood Service Council meetings
- Given limited staff resources, outreach needs to be targeted to streets where this is an issue

# NARROW LOCAL STREETS IN OAKLAND

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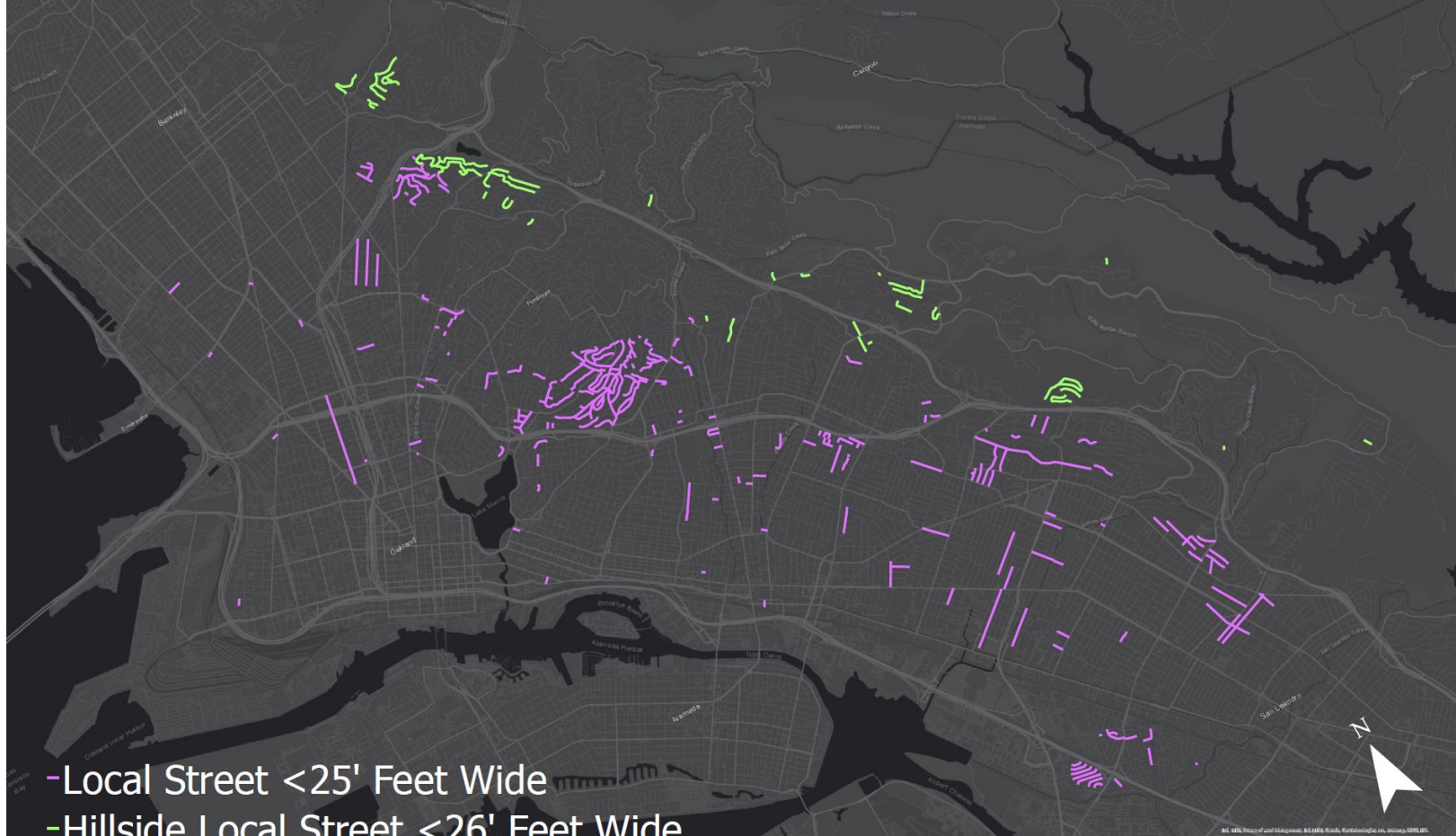
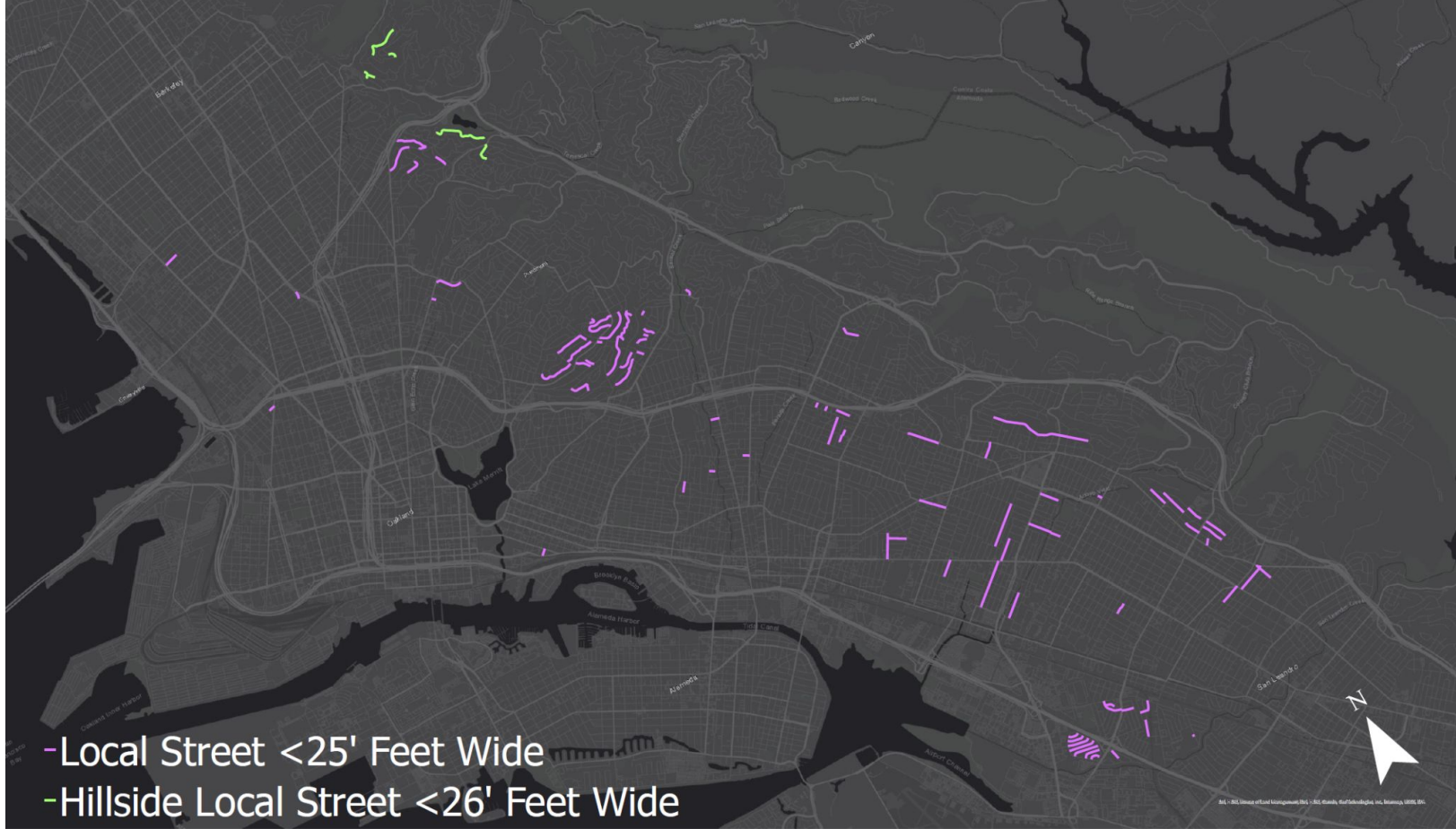


Image depicts a map of Oakland with narrow local streets highlighted in purple and narrow hillside streets highlighted in green

# NARROW LOCAL STREETS IN OAKLAND WITH SIDEWALK PARKING

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- Local Street <25' Feet Wide
- Hillside Local Street <26' Feet Wide

Image depicts a map of Oakland with narrow local streets that have a prevalence of sidewalk parking highlighted in purple and narrow hillside streets highlighted in green



# Street Changes

- Are the long-term solution but will take longer to install
- We'd want to hear from neighbors which they prefer:
  - Two-way to one-way conversion or
  - Restricting parking on one side

# Street Changes

Parking restricted on one side ***Exhibit E***



Image depicts 61st street in Oakland  
where parking is restricted by red curb  
paint on one side of the street



# Street Changes

One-way traffic

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Image depicts Balfour Avenue in Oakland  
which is a narrow, one-way street

# Oakland Municipal Code

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## **10.28.080 - Parking prohibited on narrow streets.**

A. The Traffic Engineer is authorized to place signs or markings indicating no parking upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed twenty (20) feet, or upon the side of a street as indicated by such signs or markings when the width of the roadway does not exceed thirty (30) feet.

B. When official signs or markings prohibiting parking are erected upon narrow streets as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign or marking.

(Prior traffic code § 158)



# Citations

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- Should be coordinated with outreach on streets where this hasn't been enforced consistently for a long time
- Parking Control Technicians may feel unsafe enforcing on certain streets
- Sidewalk parking can be reported:
  - Through Oak311 (app or website)
  - By calling Parking Enforcement at 510-238-3099 (Monday - Friday, 8am to 5pm)
  - Oakland Police Non-emergency at 510-777-3333 (All other times call)

## Citations

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022 (Jan, Feb)</b>
Bike Lane Blocking Citations (21211.B)	228	228	206	35
Sidewalk Blocking Citations (22500.F)	333	330	365	56
<b>Total</b>	561	558	571	91



# Discussion

**Thank you**

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