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Grand Ave Complete Streets Paving Project: Grand Lake Segment Update

In Summer 2023, the City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) shared draft 35% plans for Grand Avenue between Broadway and Elwood Avenue with businesses, residents, and key stakeholders. The design for the segment of Grand Ave between Santa Clara Avenue and Elwood Avenue; what many call the Grand Lake area, reduced the number of lanes from 4 to 3, including one travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and the addition of separated bike lanes. This design preserves angled parking spaces on the south side of Grand and implements the recommendation of the City's 2019 Bicycle Plan.

During outreach to the Grand Lake business community, staff heard substantial concern about the lack of customer parking and loading, and strong calls for public safety protections against vehicle and storefront theft.

In response to parking concerns, OakDOT updated the 35% plans to *add back 8 parking spaces* to this commercial core area, while still preserving the protected bike lane, pedestrian safety/traffic calming improvements, and allowing for adequate sight lines between people driving and walking/biking. Staff prepared a graphic with information about the overall parking impacts of the project, and a plan view document showing where staff was able to add back parking spaces. **Please see these attachments on pages 2 and 3 of this document.**

The Grand Avenue Project is currently working to hire an engineering firm to complete design of the project. As part of that upcoming work in Summer 2024, there will be an opportunity to review alternate street designs in the Grand Lake Neighborhood, potentially including a painted road diet with buffered bike lane design similar to the street layout on Grand Avenue north of Mandana Boulevard. Please see a cross-section view of this layout on **page 4 of this document**.

In response to public safety concerns, we are collaborating with the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWD), providing data for grant applications for new Citywide programs that will mitigate the impacts of crime, including a Business Windows Fund and a broader Business Resiliency Fund that Grand Lake businesses will be able to access.

OakDOT looks forward to continuing this conversation with Grand Lake Stakeholders in Summer 2024 when we have an engineer on board to finish designing the project. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Colin Piethe via email: <u>cpiethe@oaklandca.gov</u>, or by phone 510-238-6109. If you have questions related to EWD's work on public safety-related grants, please contact Shawnee Keck skeck@oaklandca.gov. Grand Avenue Complete Streets Paving Project: Updated 35% Plans Potential Parking Impacts in the Grand Lake Area

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Bike Share Station

Existing parking on the North side of the street: 29 spaces

Parking with the project: 17 spaces

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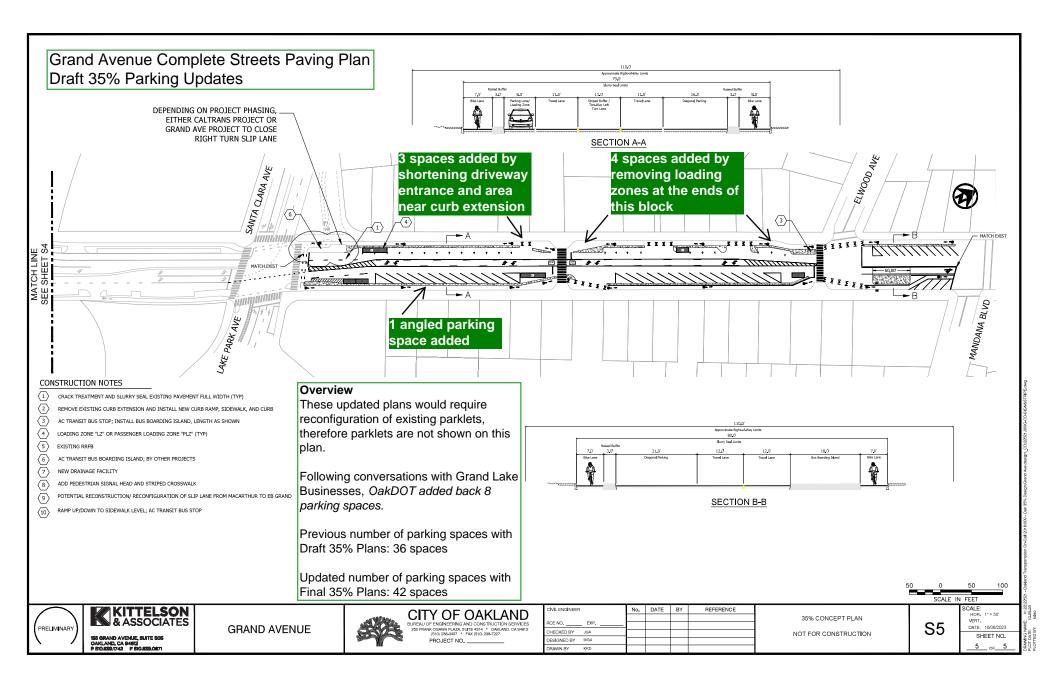
Existing parking on the South side of the street: 44 spaces

Parking with the project: 25 spaces

Total parking today on Grand Avenue between Santa Clara and Elwood: 73 spaces

Parking removed by the project: 31 spaces (43% reduction)

Remaining parking: 42 spaces



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Grand Lake - Santa Clara Avenue to Elwood Avenue Draft Design: Buffered Bike Lanes OakDOT - January 2024

