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Subject: Coastal Commission comments on Standard Agenda Item 1 (Consideration of Ventura Harbor Parking Management Plan) - 11/16/22 VPD Board Meeting

Hi Brian,

We would like to reiterate and provide a few additional comments prior to the Ventura Port District Board of Port Commissioners meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, which includes "Consideration of Ventura Harbor Parking Management Plan" as standard agenda item #1. We have had a chance to review the Board Communication report for that item, as well as the attachment of the revised Ventura Harbor Parking Management Plan from ATE (dated November 2, 2022).

We noticed there have been several changes to the proposed plan, including: (1) not requiring fees Monday through Thursday; (2) not including an initial 75 minutes for free parking during pay-hours, and instead having a \$1 per hour fee (from 10 am to 8 pm, Friday through Sunday), with an \$8, full-day option; and (3) no longer considering "Activity Permits" in addition to the tenant/employee and boat owner/captain permits proposed.

From reviewing the new agenda package, we continue to have comments related to the following topics:

- We are supportive of the proposal to allow free parking Monday through Thursday when usage is lower.
- We continue to have concerns with requiring paid on-street parking along Spinnaker Drive (where there was significantly lower than 85% occupancy on all days of week reported and presumable usage as back-up for beach parking lots when those lots are full). We would like to understand the justification for this parking fee.
- We have questions related to the relationship of parking management implementation between Harbor Village and the beach lots (Surfers Knoll and Harbor Cove)
 - Would requiring fees at the beach lots adversely impact coastal access? Could hours/fees be modified (e.g., fewer hours when fees are required, lower fees, etc.) for those lots in comparison to the Harbor Village lots?
 - Would the signs that currently limit the Harbor Village lots to visitors accessing Harbor Village commercial area (and not beachgoers) remain, be revised, or be removed, as part of the proposed plan?
- Are multimodal improvements (e.g. busses and bicycle infrastructure) planned for Ventura Harbor and how would those improvements relate to this proposed plan?
- We would like to see more information about the proposed locations of parking kiosks and informational sign types/locations.
- Additionally, we provided the following comments on June 17, 2022, on the Stakeholder Parking Survey that is re-attached to this hearing item that we would like to re-iterate here:
 - It is unclear how some of the survey result percentages were calculated in the "Stakeholder Parking Survey Summary". It is unclear how respondents that skipped certain questions were considered. (e.g. for the "Harbor Village User Groups" results, the summary states that "78% of visitors felt that \$0.50 per hour was reasonable...", however that percentage calculation seems to ignore the 12 of 72 respondents that skipped that question (which did not include a no-fee option). Some responses from the "further comments or suggestions" responses mention the lack of the no-fee option, so the results are a little confusing because of how the question was presented and the summary calculations were done. Certain summary results may vary if those who skipped the question were included.)

- A significant number of responses to the final question on each survey for “further comments or suggestions” indicated that the respondent did not believe fees should be charged and that parking should be kept free. Please explain how those responses contributed to the proposed recommendation.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We would be happy to set up a meeting to discuss these outstanding concerns further . Additionally, we do need to further coordinate on the project application processes for the City’s permitting jurisdiction and the Coastal Commission’s retained permitting jurisdiction. We appreciate your continued coordination on this matter.

Thanks,
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