

# CITY OF TORRANCE

## OPTIMIZED WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM



### PROJECT FACT SHEET

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has adopted regulations for the City to limit trash, bacteria, nutrients and toxins discharged from our storm drain system that ultimately drain to either Machado Lake, Santa Monica Bay or the Dominguez Channel. The limit for trash that is allowed to be discharged is **zero**.

#### **WHY STREET SWEEPING?**

Street sweeping is most effective for preventing trash, oils, grease, brake dust, plant debris and sediment from entering the City's storm drain system. All vehicles must be removed from the street for a short period of time on one weekday per week. To accomplish effective street sweeping, trash screens will be installed on most existing storm water catch basins to help prevent debris and trash from entering the storm drain system.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Improves water quality and the environment, optimizes street sweeping effectiveness
- Eases on-street parking availability in neighborhoods currently posted with street sweeping signs
- Cleaner streets and neighborhoods

#### **NO PARKING SIGNS FOR STREET SWEEPING AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS**

- In areas where street sweeping signs currently prohibit parking on both sides of your street on the same weekday, the City will adjust street sweeping towards only one side of your street the first day and the other side of your street the following day. The parking restriction will be reduced from 4 hours to 3 hours.
- In areas where street sweeping signs are not currently posted, the City is proposing to install new signs on existing sign posts and street light poles. In some cases a new post will be needed. The City intends to install only the minimum number of signs needed, primarily based on sign visibility and roadway geometry.
- The parking restriction for street sweeping will be a 3-hour period on a weekday. The time period and day is based on established sweeping routes throughout the City.
- City staff is available to discuss and, if appropriate, adjust proposed sign locations. After the signs are installed, there will be a 3-week grace period before enforcement begins.

#### **SCHEDULE**

The installation of signs for this final phase of the overall citywide installation is proposed to begin in summer 2016. All signs should be installed by February 2017.

#### **AGENCY CONTACT**

For questions about the installation of signs (schedule or locations), please contact John Dettle, P.E., Engineering Manager. For questions about the parking restriction (time period/day of week) posted on a sign please contact Damian Skinner, Sanitation Manager. Either can be reached in the Torrance Public Works Department at (310) 781-6900.

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