

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

Agenda Date: 02/04/08  
Reviewed by: *BP*

**SUBJECT:** Paid Parking Program

**REPORT BY:** Beth Pollard, City Administrator

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**MAYOR RECOMMENDATION**

Ask the Sustainability Committee to explore and make a recommendation to the City Council on establishing a paid parking program, such as one involving parking meters.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Albany currently does not charge for use of the public right of way for vehicle parking. Many cities have established paid parking programs, with the most common approach being parking meters in the commercial district.

**DISCUSSION**

As cities tackle issues of global warming, carbon emissions, and encouraging alternative modes of transportation such as bicycling, public transit, and walking, the concept of requiring payment for use of the public right-of-way to park vehicles has become increasingly prevalent. Albany's neighbor, Berkeley, operates parking meters on its section of Solano Avenue as well as in other commercial districts.

Because of the connection between paid parking and carbon emission reduction, the Sustainability Committee appears to be the most appropriate committee to refer the matter for review and recommendation.

Attached is information City officials recently received on the issue of paid parking.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact from referring the matter to the Committee other than any staff time involved. Implementing a paid parking program would likely generate new net revenue to the City for use in general operations and/or designated project, program, and service areas.

**Attachments**

1. Summary notes, Redwood City Parking Manger presentation
2. Paid parking materials

