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May 14, 2020

Mr. Vijay Talada
CTCDC Executive Secretary
Traffic Operations Headquarters
1120 N Street, MS 35, Room 4500
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request approval of a non-standard word message sign - "MAX FINE \$150"

Dear Mr. Talada,

In accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the County of San Bernardino with support from Caltrans is requesting the use of a non-standard word message sign to indicate that the maximum fine for parking in a posted no parking zone is \$150.00. These signs will be affixed to existing "No Parking" signs located on various State Highways within the mountain region of San Bernardino County.

Enclosed is the County's description of the project that further details the continued use of a new proposed sign "**MAX FINE \$150**".

Thank you for your consideration of this request. The County of San Bernardino is looking forward to receiving a positive response from the Committee. Please feel free to call me at (909) 387-8186 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grant C. Mann".

GRANT C. MANN, P.E., CHIEF
San Bernardino County
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REQUEST APPROVAL OF A NON-STANDARD WORD MESSAGE SIGN

Requesting Agencies: Caltrans and County of San Bernardino CA.

California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) Sponsor: Duper Tong, CTCDC Member

REQUEST:

The County of San Bernardino, with support from Caltrans District 8, is requesting the use of a non-standard word message sign - "MAX FINE \$150" - which is to be affixed to existing "No Parking" signs located on approximately 26 miles of State Highway located within the County of San Bernardino. Highways to be included are Hwy's 18, 173, 189 and 330, please see the attached Exhibit 1 for location of Highways.

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The County of San Bernardino as well as Caltrans District 8 have many areas in the mountains posted as no parking. In August of 2019 the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2019-135. Resolution No. 2019-135 states "Pursuant to Section 40203.5 of the California Vehicle Code, the Board of Supervisors shall set forth the specific penalties which will be assessed for violation of parking regulations of the California Vehicle Code (VC) and San Bernardino County Code (CC) and the amount of penalties for late payment thereof." Resolution 2019-135 increased parking penalties significantly from what they previously were.

It was recommended that providing some type of signage below existing "No parking" signs indicating what the maximum fine would be for parking illegally would provide adequate warning to motorists and encourage motorists to park in areas where parking is legal.

PROPOSED BACKGROUND AND SOLUTION:

Prior to Resolution No. 2019-135 the County of San Bernardino had an adopted no parking fine of \$13. In the mountain areas of San Bernardino County both Caltrans and San Bernardino County experience heavy visitation especially during the winter months. As areas where parking is legal fill up, those other areas which are posted "No Parking" become inviting areas for people to park rather than continuing to search for open available parking or turn around and head back down the mountain.

Many visitors when given citations for parking in a no parking zone would verbally state that paying the \$13.00 fine was much cheaper than paying parking fees at Disneyland or many other Southern California destinations. It became apparent to County staff that in order to control the

illegal parking which has been taking place in the mountains that an increase in the parking penalties would need to occur in order to discourage individuals from illegally parking. Therefore, County staff recommended to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2019-135. Resolution No. 2019-135 updated all penalties related to parking violations.

In regards to this Request to Experiment Resolution 2019-135 established parking penalties of \$150.00 as follows:

VC22505(b) No Person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle in violation of the restrictions stated on the signs or markings.

CC53.0303 Parking in Snow Areas.

In order to provide adequate warning to motorist and encourage motorist to park in areas where parking is legal it is recommended to affix a new sign below existing "No Parking" signs located on State Highways. The new sign shall be as described and shown in Exhibit 2.

Both the California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department are in support of this action. Having signs that indicate what the maximum fine is will discourage individuals from illegally parking. This will hopefully result in a decrease of officer time being spent on issuing parking citations and will allow the limited number of officers assigned to the mountain areas more time to spend on other law enforcement activities such as responding to vehicle accidents (CHP) as well as property crimes (Co. Sheriff's).

A letter of support from Caltrans is also attached.

It has been agreed between both Caltrans and the County of San Bernardino that the County will provide the signs to Caltrans and that Caltrans will affix the signs to existing post which display "No Parking" signs. The number of signs at this time has not been established, Caltrans staff is in the process of determining what that number is.

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May 13, 2020

Mr. Brendon Biggs
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San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Mr. Biggs:

This correspondence is in response to San Bernardino County's request to install "MAX FINE \$150" under existing "NO PARKING ANY TIME" signs along State Routes 18, 173, 189, and 330 to discourage illegal parking.

Caltrans follows the guidelines of the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD). Since the proposed sign is not an approved sign in the CA MUTCD, the sign will need prior approval from the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC). Pending approval from the CTCDC, District 8 (San Bernardino) supports the installation of the "MAX FINE \$150" signs to supplement the "NO PARKING ANY TIME" signs as a pilot.

If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 383-5976 or Theresa Sasis at (909) 383-5997.

Sincerely,

CATALINO A. PINING III
Deputy District Director
Traffic Operations



MAX. FINE \$150

RED ON WHITE
36" X 12"
LINE 1 - 4" SERIES C

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Exhibit 2