



Nealon Park Parking and Blake Street Pilot Projects – City Council July 14, 2026

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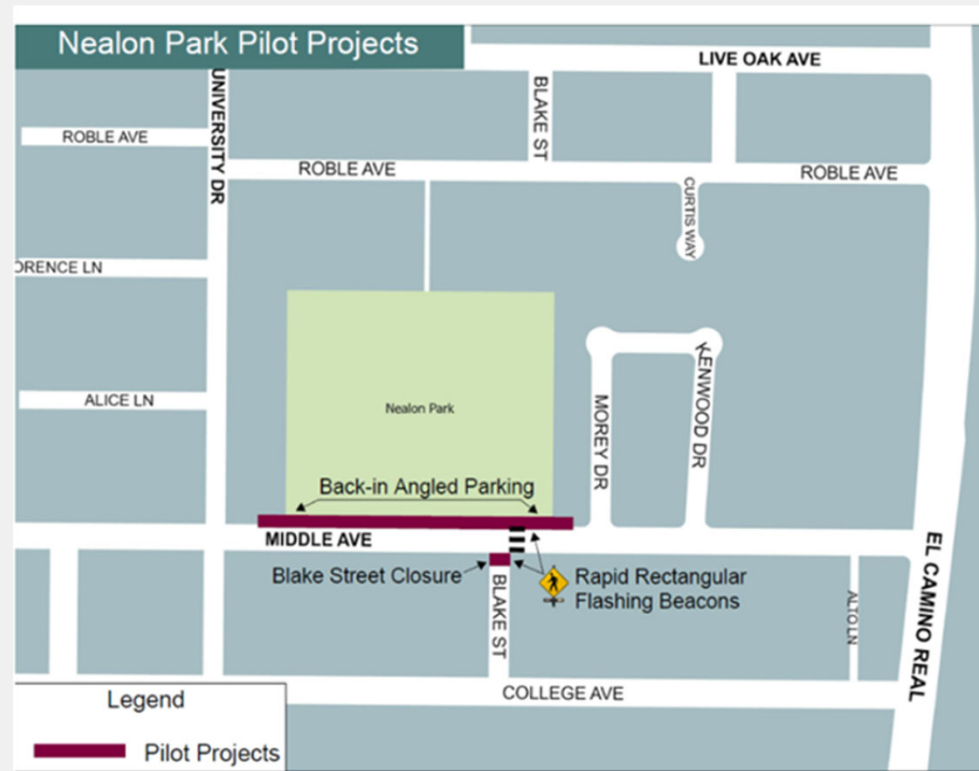
Agenda

- History
- Analysis – Blake Street
- Analysis – Parking
- Staff recommendation
- Next steps

Introduction

As part of the Middle Avenue Complete Streets project, the City implemented pilot changes at Nealon Park and on Blake St.

- Back-in angled parking replaced parallel parking along the Nealon Park frontage
 - Done to increase parking and address bike / ped conflicts.
- Vehicular access to Blake Street at Middle Avenue was restricted at the Blake St / Middle Av. Intersection
 - In response to a community petition to address safety concerns





Nealon Park Parking Pilot Project History

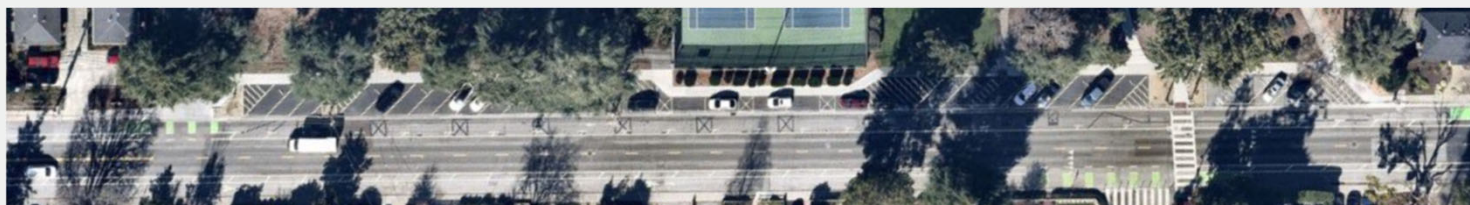
Before Oct 2023
Perpendicular
Parking
(No Bike Lane)



Oct 2023
Parallel Parking
Pilot
(Buffered Bike Lane)



2024 to present
Back-In Angled
Parking Pilot
(Buffered Bike Lane)





Analysis – Nealon Park Parking Pilot Project

- Collision data
 - There is no collision history along the segment of Middle Avenue that is adjacent to Nealon Park.
- Survey results
 - Feedback was mixed, concerns focused on the difficulty backing into parking spaces
- This configuration presents the lowest relative exposure to multimodal conflicts among the alternatives evaluated.
- Observed driver compliance with the configuration has improved over time.

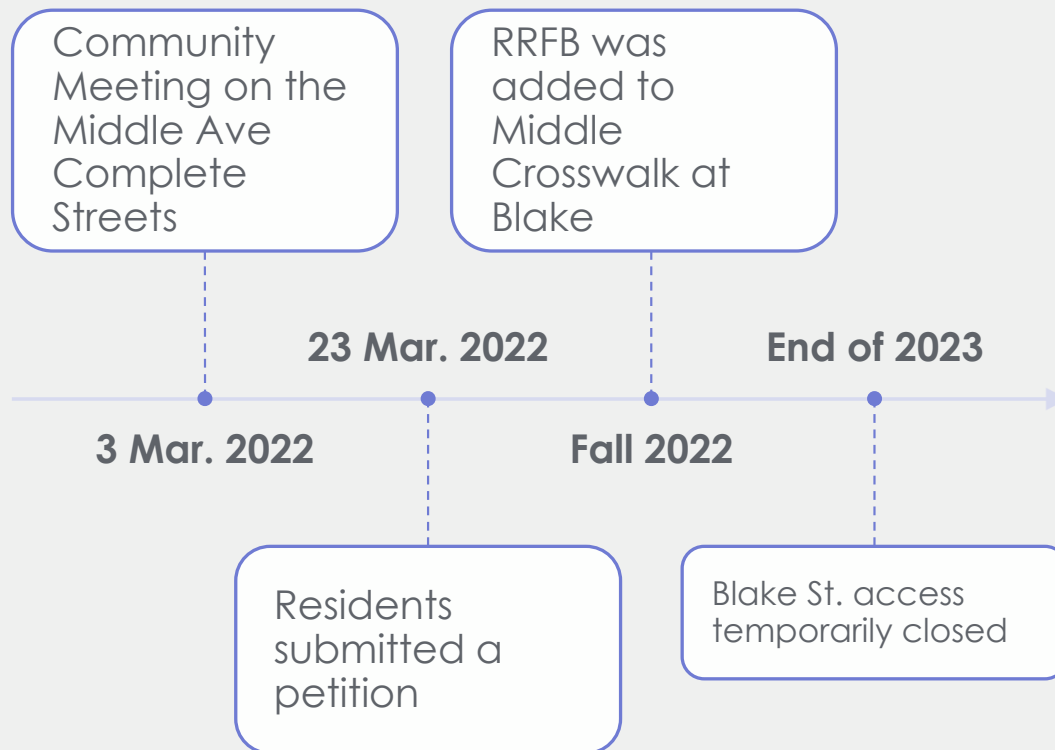
Nealon frontage parking recommendation

- Keep the reverse back-in angled parking
 - CSC evaluated multiple design concepts and recommended retaining the existing back-in angled parking configuration.



Nealon Park frontage back-in angle parking

Blake Street Pilot Project history and timeline



Blake St. Pilot (no access to/from Middle Ave.)



Analysis – Blake Street Pilot

- Vehicle volume data
 - Volumes have increased on nearby neighborhood streets.
- Traffic speed
 - Speeds have either stayed the same or reduced on nearby streets.
- Collision data
 - May 2023: One collision at Blake and College involving a driver and parked vehicle



Analysis – Blake Street Pilot

- Survey results
 - Residents were supportive of vehicular access restriction.
- CSC recommendation
 - Recommended Blake Street temporary vehicular access restriction to be made permanent.
- Overall findings:
 - Pedestrian crossing conditions have been improved with the RRFB and traffic calming (speed tables and cushions, speed feedback signs, crosswalks) on Middle Ave.
 - Speeds have reduced on several nearby local streets.
 - Circulation is impacted by the vehicular access restriction.
 - Recology pick up is impacted by the vehicular access restriction.
 - Based on current conditions, maintaining vehicle access restriction is more intensive than the types of traffic-calming measures that would typically be considered.



Next steps and City Council feedback

- Staff recommends that City Council adopt a resolution to make back-in angled parking permanent at Nealon Park frontage
- Staff seek direction on one of the following options for Blake Street:
 - Option 1 – Restore vehicular access
 - Option 2 – Retain the temporary vehicle access restriction and conduct a circulation study
 - Option 3 – Restore vehicular access and conduct a circulation study