Ocean Beach Commercial District Motorcycle/Moped Parking Proposal

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Street parking in the business districts of Ocean Beach is predominantly diagonal parking¹. It does not accommodate users of 2-wheeled vehicles such as motorcycles, mopeds, and the growing number of personal electric vehicles such as Zebra mopeds that cannot use bicycle racks. These users currently have to search for a full car parking space. This discourages the use of 2-wheeled vehicles and impacts car parking. In other parts of town, typical parallel parking arrangements allow 2-wheeled vehicles to fit between cars or on the ends, without reducing car parking spots. Parking for 2-wheeled vehicles should be embraced, especially since they offer reduced congestion, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions when compared to the typical automobile.²

We propose adding designated motorcycle/moped parking areas along Newport Ave, Santa Monica Ave, and Voltaire Ave as shown on the map below. These are generally located at the ends of existing diagonal parking and offer 3 or more motorcycle spots at each location. Currently these locations have red curbs but are not adjacent to fire hydrants or in a visibility area for driveway entrances. The map excludes locations recently designated as scooter-share corrals, but in the event any corrals are removed those locations should also be considered.

¹ Newport Ave, Santa Monica Ave, Voltaire Ave

² LCA motorcycle: Cox, B. L, and Mutel, C. L. (2018). The environmental and cost performance of current and future motorcycles. Applied Energy Volume 212, 15 February 2018, Pages 1013-1024









