

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 25, 2014, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Katzakian
Absent: Council Member Mounce, and Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen
Also Present: Interim City Manager Schwabauer, Interim City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Johl-Olson

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Information Regarding Proposed Public Restrooms in Downtown Lodi (PW)

Public Works Director Wally Sandelin provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding downtown public restrooms. Specific topics of discussion included issues giving rise to the discussion, alternatives, mapping of the surrounding area, Lodi Station, Beckman Park, and examples in San Francisco and Portland.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated when he refers to portable facilities, he is not referring to the temporary single facility, but rather trailer-mounted facilities that have approximately four units and are nice and secure.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin confirmed that there is general public access to the Lodi Station restroom facility.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Sandelin stated maintenance costs increased slightly with the Lodi Station restroom expansion but those costs are not broken out separately.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated the Portland facilities were installed without consideration of sewer connections.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Sandelin stated there are other cities, both small and large, that have portable facilities similar to Portland.

Nancy Beckman spoke in regards to a recent downtown business survey she conducted regarding public restroom use and the results of the same.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Ms. Beckman stated some businesses have indicated that they do not provide public restrooms due to liability concerns related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Interim City Attorney Janice Magdich stated ADA litigation ebbs and flows and currently it appears to be on the decline.

Ed Miller spoke in regards to his concerns about costs for constructing and maintaining additional facilities and encouraged the City to work with the merchants to allow restroom facility use for customers.

Myrna Wetzel spoke in regards to her concern about access to public restroom facilities and the distance of the same.

Robin Knowlton spoke in regards to her concerns about restroom facility use by those that are not customers and restroom facility referrals to her business from other businesses.

Greg Soligan spoke in regards to his concerns about ADA liability by allowing use of restrooms located in businesses and unsanitary use of the alley by the homeless population.

Dianne Setten spoke in regards to her concerns about encouraging the homeless population to congregate and stay in downtown by providing public restroom facilities and encouraged removal of the last benches due to the same.

Pat Patrick spoke in regards to his concerns about providing a multi-pronged approach that addresses challenges associated with both homelessness in the area and customer access to restrooms.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Interim City Manager Steve Schwabauer stated staff could look into options for maintenance of restroom facilities through the UCP contract.

Marilyn Field spoke in regards to her concerns about the homeless population utilizing the Methodist Church for improper use and supported a public restroom option.

Dan Ingram spoke in regards to his concerns about the homeless population utilizing public restroom facilities and encouraged alternative solutions for customer use of existing facilities.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

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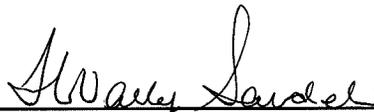
Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Receive Information Regarding Public Restrooms in Downtown Lodi
MEETING DATE: March 25, 2014 (Shirtsleeve Session)
PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive information regarding public restrooms in downtown Lodi.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Refer to the attached presentation materials.
FISCAL IMPACT: Not Applicable
FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not Applicable



F. Wally Sandelin
Public Works Director

FWS/pmf
Attachment

APPROVED: 

Stephen Schwabauer, Interim City Manager

The City of Lodi
**Public Works
Engineering**



Downtown Public Restrooms

Shirtsleeve Session
March 25, 2014



Issues

- Lack of public toilet facilities
- Installation and maintenance costs
- Free or pay
- Automated or manual
- Unsanitary conditions
- Illegal activities/security



Alternatives

- Construct public restroom facilities at a downtown City property
- Extend open hours at Lodi Station restrooms
- Direction signs with hours to existing public facilities
- Pay per use reimbursement to downtown businesses
- Nice portable restroom facilities (pumping required)
- Combinations of the above



Ancient Rome







Lodi Station

kpf Consulting Engineers

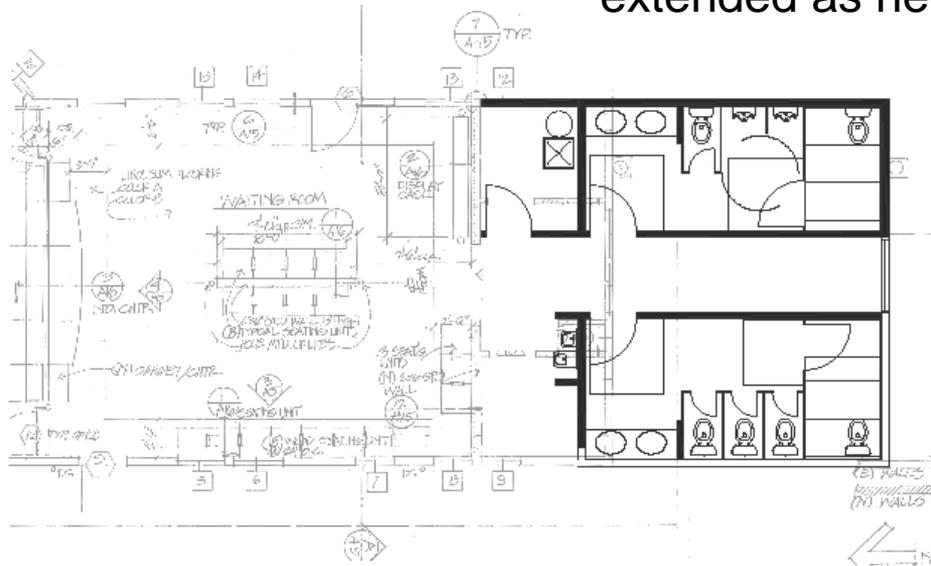
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Restroom Expansion Cost = \$300,000

PROJECT: LODI TRANSIT CENTER
LOCATION: LODI, CA
CLIENT: CITY of LODI
REF: DEPOT RESTROOM

TDA funding

Open hours could be extended as needed



1 DEPOT RESTROOM LAYOUT
NTS



Beckman Park - \$200,000

Modular construction
2-stall facilities
Constructed 2008





San Francisco



JCDecaux pays for the facility, maintenance and an administrative fee to the city in exchange for advertising revenues.

Cost = \$150,000

25 locations

Automatic cleaning (twice daily)

Maintenance intensive

ADA accessible



Portland



PORTLAND LOO

Cost = \$60,000 - \$100,000

Annual Maintenance = \$12,000

Open-air top and bottom

Stainless steel construction

No wash water and no mirror

Manual flush

Noise transparent

ADA Accessible





Questions?

Downtown Lodi Public Restrooms Survey

Design Survey Collect Responses **Analyze Results**

CURRENT VIEW



+ FILTER + COMPARE + SHOW

No rules applied



Rules allow you to FILTER, COMPARE and SHOW results to see trends and patterns. [Learn more »](#)

SAVED VIEWS (1)



Original View (No rules applied)

+ Save as...

EXPORTS



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Question Summaries

Data Trends

Individual Responses

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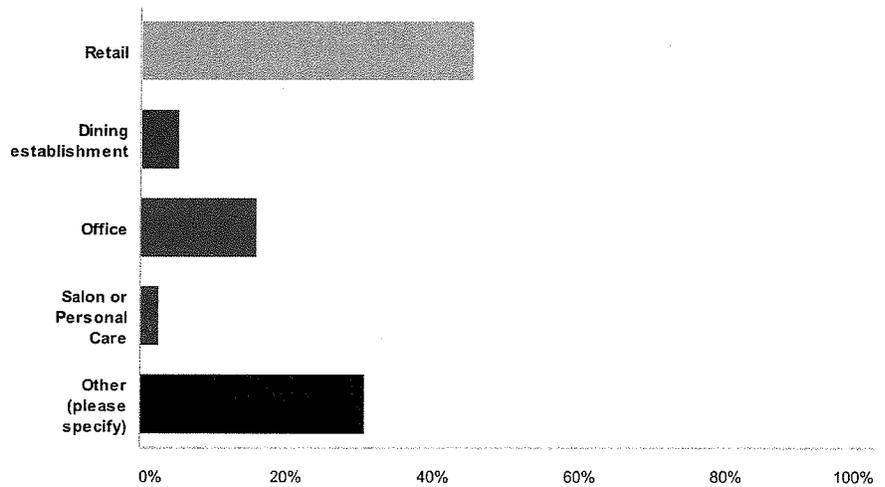
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Type of business:

Answered: 75 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Retail	45.33%	34
Dining establishment	5.33%	4
Office	16%	12
Salon or Personal Care	2.67%	2
Other (please specify)	30.67%	23
Total		75

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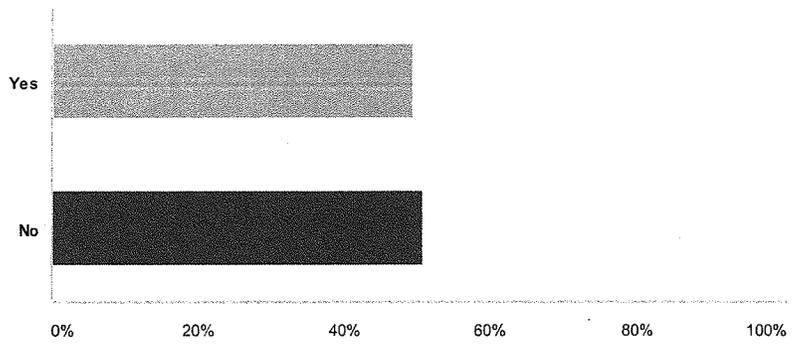
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Do you have a restroom for your customers?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	49.30%	35
No	50.70%	36
Total		71

Q3

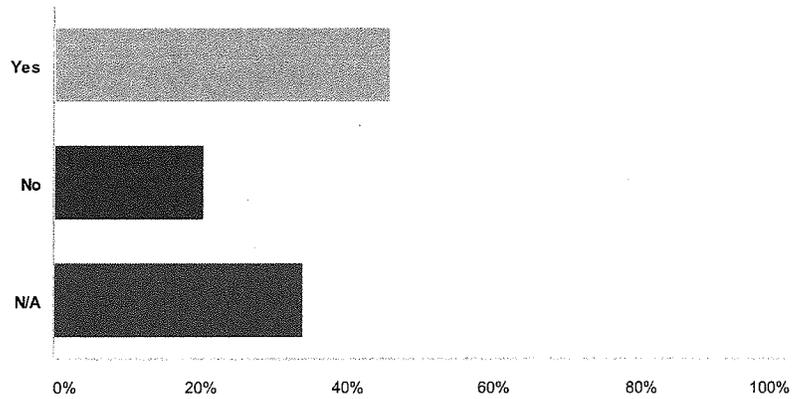
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If no, do you allow your customers to use your staff bathroom if asked?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 16



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	45.76%	27
No	20.34%	12
N/A	33.90%	20
Total		59

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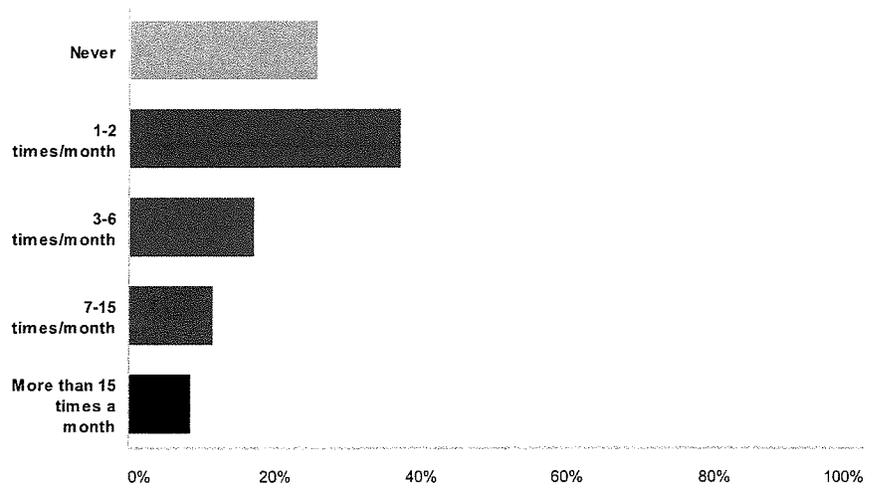
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How often do you get asked to use the bathroom by someone who is NOT a customer?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Never	25.71%	18
1-2 times/month	37.14%	26
3-6 times/month	17.14%	12
7-15 times/month	11.43%	8
More than 15 times a month	8.57%	6
Total		70

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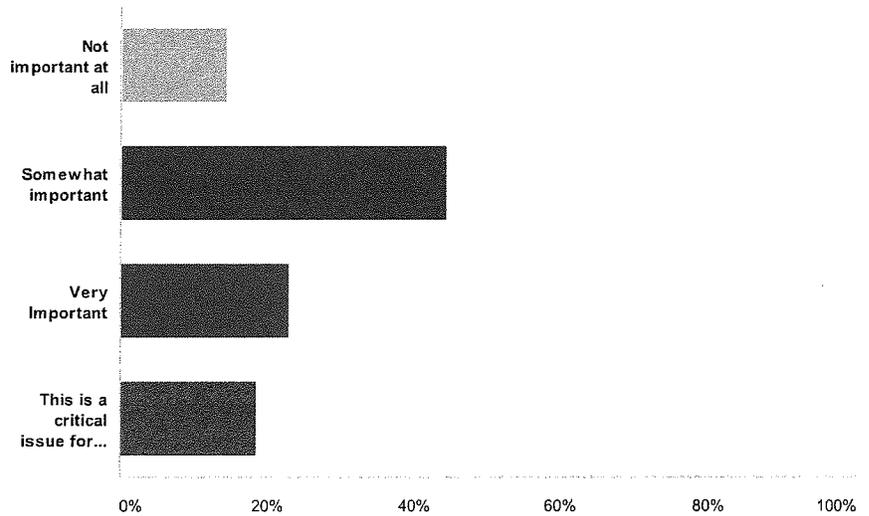
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How important is it for Downtown to have a public restroom?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Not important at all	14.29%	10
Somewhat important	44.29%	31
Very important	22.86%	16
This is a critical issue for Downtown Lodi	18.57%	13