Moab City Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date: February 11, 2020

**Title:** Back-in Parking Recommendations

**Disposition:** Discussion and possible action

**Staff Presenter:** Chuck Williams, City Engineer

**Attachment(s):**
- Attachment 1: Back-in Parking Technical Memorandum

**Recommended Motion:**
None

**Background/Summary:**

This item was previously brought to and tabled by City Council on December 10, 2019. Staff are resubmitting the item for reconsideration per City Council request.

In May 2019, the City converted existing front-in angle parking on 100 South between 100 West and Main Street to back-in angle parking in order to increase safety for bicycle riders who use 100 South. This was done as a pilot program so that staff could also assess back-in angle parking as a parking treatment, and make recommendations for implementation at other locations.

Since May, staff has received several comments from businesses on 100 South regarding issues they have observed since the installation of the back-in angle parking. In response, engineering staff instigated a review of the pilot project to assess how well it is functioning. Video submitted by a local business owner indicates that some drivers have difficulty efficiently backing in to the parking spaces, and may block traffic in the travel lanes.

In late October, staff pulled accident reports for this location, and found none that resulted from the back-in angle parking. Further video was recorded and bicycle counts were performed by staff in November, however both vehicle and bicycle volumes observed were likely well below peak volumes due to the season of the year. Further vehicle and bicycle counts should be performed in spring 2020. The attached Technical Memorandum includes a more detailed discussion of the data collected in the course of the review.
In consideration of the safety data, staff recommends continuing the back-in angle parking program. Per City Code the City Council determines the location of angled parking. The attached Technical Memorandum also includes discussion of potential additional locations for back-in angle parking, should Council wish to expand this parking treatment to other locations.