


**BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Date: October 24, 2018

To: The Honorable City Council, City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds,  General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 272 IN THE PARK MESA HEIGHTS AREA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 272 in the Park Mesa Heights Area of Council District (CD) 8.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that the residents of this Park Mesa Heights neighborhood in CD 8 need immediate relief from the lack of residential parking on their blocks, which is the result of employees from nearby schools and commercial properties parking their vehicles in the neighborhood.
2. FIND that the establishment of PPD No. 272, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
3. ADOPT the accompanying Resolution establishing the boundaries of PPD No. 272, pursuant to the City Council's March 16, 2016, "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," to include all blocks within the residential area bounded by the blocks indicated below:
 - The City of Los Angeles boundary south of Floresta Avenue between the City of Los Angeles boundary west of Hillcrest Drive and Victoria Avenue
 - Victoria Avenue between the City of Los Angeles boundary south of Floresta Avenue and 52nd Street
 - 52nd Street between Victoria Avenue and the centerline of Crenshaw Boulevard
 - The centerline of Crenshaw Boulevard between 52nd Street and the centerline of Slauson Avenue
 - The centerline of Slauson Avenue between the centerline of Crenshaw Boulevard and the City of Los Angeles boundary west of Hillcrest Drive
 - The City of Los Angeles boundary west of Hillcrest Drive between the centerline of Slauson Avenue and the centerline south of Floresta Avenue

4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 272:
 - 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 272 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; 2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 272 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 272 PERMITS EXEMPT
5. INSTRUCT LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within PPD No. 272, as specified in Section 80.58 of the LAMC.
6. DIRECT LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on the residential portions of the street segment enumerated in Recommendation No. 3, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
7. DIRECT LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a street segment requesting installation or removal of the parking restrictions set forth in Recommendation No. 4, after establishment of this PPD by the City Council, without further action of the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The Preferential Parking Program is set forth in Section 80.58 of the LAMC. It provides for the establishment of a PPD by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by LADOT, and authorizes the Department to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the City's Preferential Parking Program, which must be approved by the City Council. A request from a representative of the affected neighborhood group or by the area's Councilmember initiates the establishment of a PPD. However, the area must meet the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" adopted by the City Council before establishment or expansion may be allowed.

The "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" approved by the City Council on March 16, 2016, allows the LADOT to recommend a PPD provided all the following conditions are met:

1. Submittal and verification of petitions requesting such action signed by the residents of at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a minimum of six blocks.
2. Determination by LADOT that at least 85 percent of the legal on-street parking spaces are occupied on a minimum of four blocks.
3. Board of Transportation Commissioners conducts a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the preliminary findings and recommendations of LADOT.

Residents of the area designated as a PPD may purchase special parking permits. Vehicles bearing such permits are exempt from the preferential parking restrictions posted within the district for which the permit was issued. The exemption only applies to the preferential parking regulations on those signs, not to regulations of a general nature that may have been installed for traffic movement or street cleaning purposes.

Because parking is currently allowed in this area and the fact that this establishment “involves negligible or no expansion to existing use,” the establishment of the district falls within the Class 1 Categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and of the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III.1.a.3.

DISCUSSION

On February 1, 2017, LADOT met with CD 8 staff and several residents to discuss the current Preferential Parking Program in their neighborhood. The residents sought relief and a solution to the spillover and intrusive parking from non-resident vehicles parking for excessive periods of time. Impact from these vehicles coupled with minimal off-street parking resulted in the residents being unable to find parking within their own community. LADOT and the residents discussed alternatives, but no permanent or temporary solution was found, which left no option but to establish a PPD.

On February 22, 2017, LADOT received a letter from Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson’s office requesting the establishment of PPD No. 272.

Residents of the blocks listed below provided signed petitions to establish PPD No. 272 and post the restriction, “No Parking 8 AM to 6 PM, MONDAY thru FRIDAY; District No. 272 Permits Exempt”. A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. The petitions represent at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on both sides of the street and covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on each block:

- 52nd Street between Brynhurst Avenue and Victoria Avenue
- 54th Street between Brynhurst Avenue and Victoria Avenue
- Brynhurst Avenue between 52nd Street and Floresta Avenue
- Brynhurst Avenue between 54th Street and 52nd Street
- Victoria Avenue between 52nd Street and Floresta Avenue
- Victoria Avenue between 54th Street and 52nd Street
- Victoria Avenue between 57th Street and 54th Street

Parking Analysis

LADOT staff conducted the parking study on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM, which indicated that five blocks in the proposed area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus meeting the criteria set forth in the “Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts”.

The following blocks satisfied the parking study criteria:

- 52nd Street between Victoria Avenue and Brynhurst Avenue
- 54th Street between Brynhurst Avenue and Victoria Avenue
- 57th Street between Victoria Avenue and Brynhurst Avenue
- Victoria Avenue between 54th Street and 57th Street
- Victoria Avenue between 57th Street and Slauson Avenue

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 272. Additionally, violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments:

- Resolution
- Letter from Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
- PPD No. 272 Maps

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 272 IN THE PARK MESA HEIGHTS AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 152,722, effective September 2, 1979, revised by Ordinance No. 157,425, effective March 18, 1983, amended by Ordinance No. 161,414, effective July 26, 1986, and further revised by Ordinance No. 171,029, effective June 1, 1996, provided for the establishment of Preferential Parking Districts (PPD) by Resolution of the City Council in each case. The latest revisions were adopted by City Council on March 16, 2016, Council File 15-0600-S62, under Section 80.58 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.58.k, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) promulgated "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts", was revised by Ordinance No. 177,845, effective September 30, 2006, and an amendment by Ordinance No. 180,059, adopted by the City Council on August 30, 2008, which further updated the permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the residents living in the Park Mesa Heights area bear the brunt of the increased parking demand from the businesses, schools, and their employees throughout the proposed PPD, which adversely impacts the residents ability to park in front of their homes; and

WHEREAS, LADOT made the determination that the signed petitions represent residents living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units comprising more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on at least six blocks; and

WHEREAS, LADOT conducted a parking study, which indicated that five blocks in the proposed established area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus meeting the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts"; and

WHEREAS, LADOT determined that the petition signatures submitted represent at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on the residential portions of the following seven blocks, which is sufficient to warrant the installation of the requested preferential parking restriction signs upon City Council approval of this resolution.

- 52nd Street between Brynhurst Avenue and Victoria Avenue
- 54th Street between Brynhurst Avenue and Victoria Avenue
- Brynhurst Avenue between 52nd Street and Floresta Avenue
- Brynhurst Avenue between 54th Street and 52nd Street
- Victoria Avenue between 52nd Street and Floresta Avenue
- Victoria Avenue between 54th Street and 52nd Street
- Victoria Avenue between 57th Street and 54th Street

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, that the Resolution be adopted by the City Council, establishing PPD No. 272 to include the street segments below:

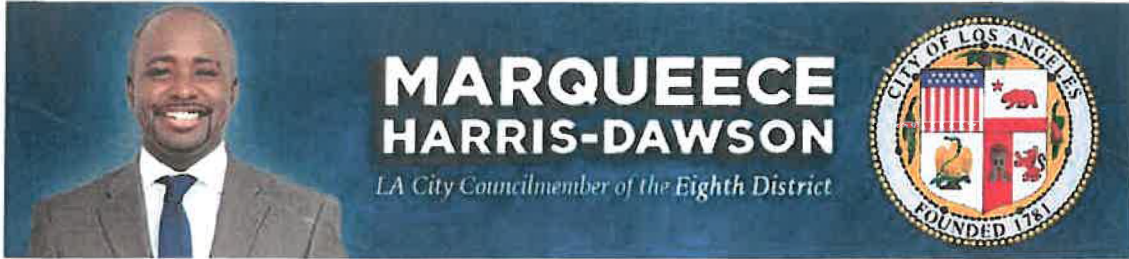
- The City of Los Angeles boundary south of Floresta Avenue between the City of Los Angeles boundary west of Hillcrest Drive and Victoria Avenue
- Victoria Avenue between the City of Los Angeles boundary south of Floresta Avenue and 52nd Street
- 52nd Street between Victoria Avenue and the centerline of Crenshaw Boulevard
- The centerline of Crenshaw Boulevard between 52nd Street and the centerline of Slauson Avenue
- The centerline of Slauson Avenue between the centerline of Crenshaw Boulevard and the City of Los Angeles boundary west of Hillcrest Drive
- The City of Los Angeles boundary west of Hillcrest Drive between the centerline of Slauson Avenue and the centerline south of Floresta Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of PPD No. 272 through the adoption of this Resolution, LADOT be authorized to post or remove the following preferential parking restrictions on any of the blocks within the district, without further actions by the City Council, upon receipt and verification of requisite petition(s) as provided for in the adopted "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

- 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 272 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; 2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 272 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 272 PERMITS EXEMPT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of PPD No. 272 through the adoption of this Resolution, LADOT be authorized to post or remove "NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY thru FRIDAY; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 272 PERMITS EXEMPT" on the following residential portions on both sides without further action by the City Council:

- 52nd Street between Brynhurst Avenue and Victoria Avenue
- 54th Street between Brynhurst Avenue and Victoria Avenue
- Brynhurst Avenue between 52nd Street and Floresta Avenue
- Brynhurst Avenue between 54th Street and 52nd Street
- Victoria Avenue between 52nd Street and Floresta Avenue
- Victoria Avenue between 54th Street and 52nd Street
- Victoria Avenue between 57th Street and 54th Street



February 22, 2017

Ms. Seleta Reynolds
General Manager, Department of Transportation
100 S. Main St., 10th Floor
Los Angeles CA 90012

RE: REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHING PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

For some time my office has been working with the residents on 52nd St. to address some of the parking issues impacting their street, between Crenshaw Blvd. and West Blvd.. My office in conjunction with DOT staff have reviewed ongoing parking, safety and mobility problems, caused by the local school as well as the Crenshaw Line that is slated to be completed in 2019. We've discussed alternative restrictions as partial solutions, however none of the proposed solutions have been deemed adequate to meet the needs and concerns of the residents.

I am therefore requesting that a Preferential Parking District be established on:

- 52nd St – Victoria to Brynhurst/ Brynhurst to Chesley
- 54th St – Victoria to Brynhurst/ Brynhurst to Chesley
- 57th St – Victoria to Brynhurst/ Brynhurst to Chesley
- Victoria Ave – Florista Ave. to 52nd St. / 52nd St. to 54th St./ 54th St. to 57th St./ 57th St. to Slauson Ave.

This restriction will facilitate adequate parking for residents and guests with permits. I understand that this restriction will not be posted on those blocks until the residents of those blocks within this District have submitted a valid petition in accordance with Section 80.58 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

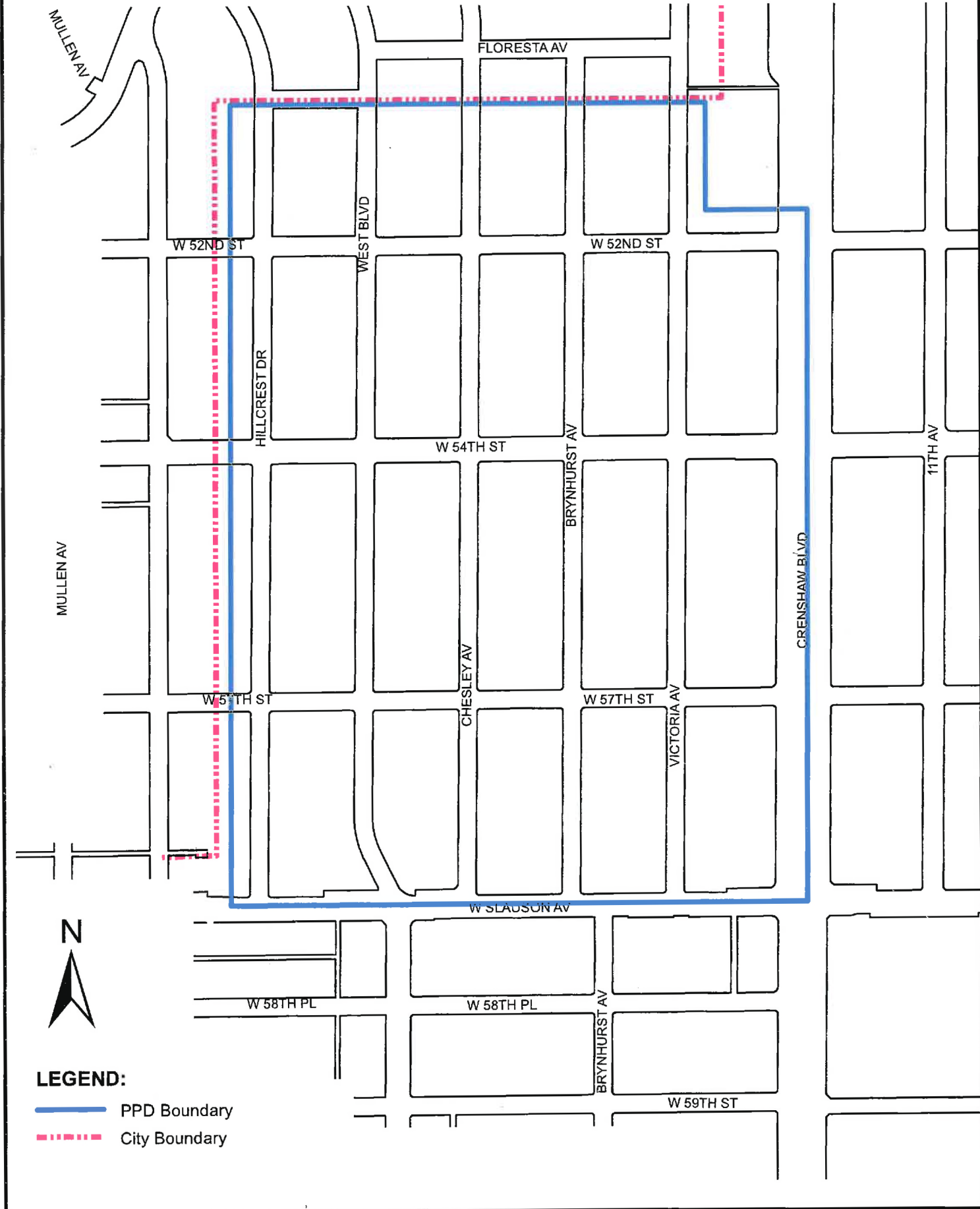
I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the process of establishing this Temporary Preferential Parking District. If you have any questions, please contact Breana Weaver (213) 485-7616.

Sincerely,



Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Councilmember, 8th District

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 272

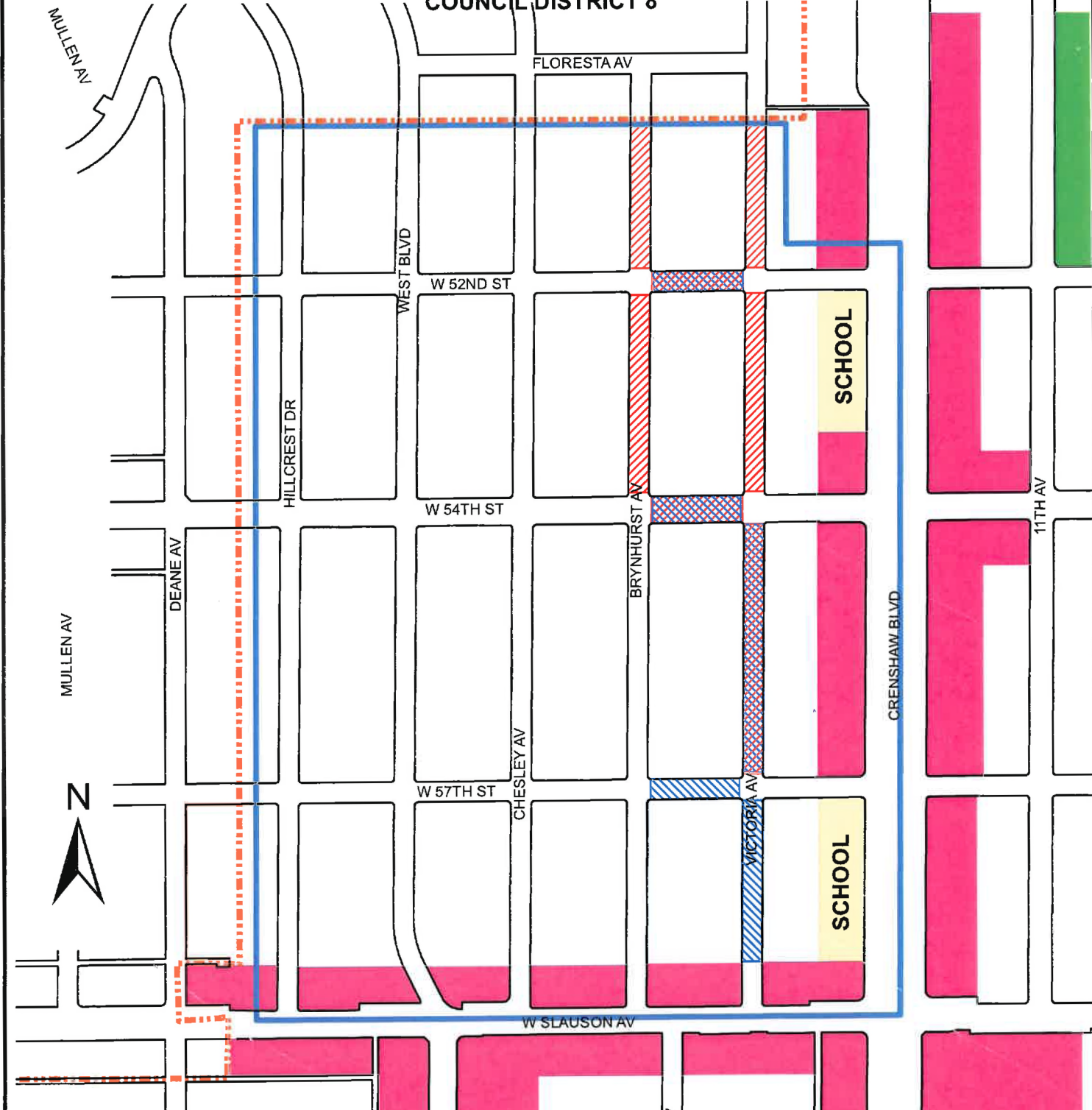
COUNCIL DISTRICT 8



LEGEND:

-  PPD Boundary
-  City Boundary

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 272
PETITION, PARKING STUDY & LAND USE
COUNCIL DISTRICT 8



LEGEND:

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| | PPD Boundary | | SCHOOL |
| | City Boundary | | Petitions that passed 75% or more |
| | Residential Area | | Parking Study that passed 85% or more |
| | Commercial Area | | Combine Petition & Parking Study that passed |
| | Public Facilities | | |