

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCETemp. PPD No. 158
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DATE: July 10, 2009

TO: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention : Honorable Tom LaBonge, Interim Chair, Transportation Committee

FROM:  *For* Rita L. Robinson, General Manager
Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 158 ON SELBY AVENUE NEAR THE NOTRE DAME ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL.

RECOMMENDATIONS for Council action:

1. FIND that the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the General Exemption (Article II, Section 1 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines).
2. FIND that an adverse parking impact affecting fewer than six blocks exists, from which the residents deserve immediate relief, on Selby Avenue, Clarkson Road, and Malcolm Avenue south of the Notre Dame Academy High School in Council District 5.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the attached RESOLUTION establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158 pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the L.A.M.C. Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158 will include the residential portions of:
 - Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue
 - Selby Avenue between Malcolm Avenue & the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue
 - Malcolm Avenue between Selby Avenue and Clarkson Road
4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restriction for use in all of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158:
 - "NO PARKING ANYTIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMIT EXEMPT"
 - "1 HOUR PARKING 7:00AM – 5:00PM MONDAY - FRIDAY; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMIT EXEMPT"

5. INSTRUCT the DOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158, as specified in Section 80.58 of the L.A.M.C.
6. DIRECT the DOT to post the authorized parking restriction signs on the residential portions of the following block upon Council action establishing the District:
 - Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue & the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue
7. DIRECT the DOT to post the authorized parking restriction signs on the following two blocks, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety, upon receipt and verification of signatures from the residents of either of these blocks requesting the approved parking restriction for their block, and representing at least 67 percent of the dwelling units on their block:
 - Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue
 - Malcolm Avenue between Selby Avenue and Clarkson Road
8. DIRECT the DOT to prepare a Notice of Exemption reflecting Council's actions under Recommendation No. 2 above and file such notice with the City and County Clerks within five working days of the City Council's action.

DISCUSSION:

On July 17, 2007, the Department of Transportation received partial petitions requesting the establishment of preferential parking district from the residents of the following two blocks:

- Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue & the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue
- Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue

On August 1, 2007, the Department of Transportation sent a letter to the residents of Selby Avenue instructing them of the proper procedures of completing the Letter of Intent Form as well as a letter of support from their Neighborhood Council or Councilmember Weiss when requesting a preferential parking district. On September 14, 2007 we received the completed Letter of Intent Form.

The petition from the residents of Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue requested the posting of "NO PARKING ANYTIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 EXEMPT". The Department has determined that the petition was signed by residents representing at least two-thirds of the dwelling units on both sides of the block.

On February 19, 2009 we received a letter from Councilmember Jack Weiss (copy attached) requesting the establishment of a Temporary Preferential Parking District for Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue, Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue and Malcolm Avenue between Clarkson Road and Selby Avenue (three blocks) and requesting that upon approval of the District by the City Council, Selby Avenue be posted immediately with the following restriction: "NO PARKING ANY TIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 EXEMPT" OR "1 HOUR PARKING 7:00AM – 5:00PM MONDAY - FRIDAY; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMIT EXEMPT".

BACKGROUND:

The area of proposed Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 158 is developed mostly with single-family residential dwelling units. The proximity of the Notre Dame High School Academy to the residential neighborhood is adversely impacting the quality of life for the residents of this area. The adverse parking problems are caused by students, parents, and visitors of the school who park in front of the residents' homes. This situation has adversely impacted the residents' ability to access or park in front of their properties, and disrupted trash pick-up and street cleaning services. The residents are seeking immediate relief from this parking problem.

Councilmember Jack Weiss, Council District 5, and his staff have consulted with the Department of Transportation regarding the parking problem on Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End and have concluded that preferential parking is the best possible solution to remedy the problem at this time. In Councilmember Weiss' judgment, the residents of these blocks deserve some immediate relief from their present parking problems until a permanent solution can be found. Therefore, he has requested the creation of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158. Two adjacent blocks, Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue and Malcolm Avenue between Clarkson Road and Selby Avenue have been included in the proposed Temporary PPD at the suggestion of the Department of Transportation to protect the residents of these blocks from any potential spillover of school vehicle parking once the initial two blocks that submitted petitions are posted with preferential parking restrictions.

The City Council has the authority, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d, to establish Temporary Preferential Parking Districts by resolution "to provide relief for residents who suffer an excessive parking impact ... as the result of any conditions which impact fewer than six blocks and which, in the judgment of the Council member of the District and after consultation with the Assistant General Manager, deserve immediate relief until a permanent solution can be found". Temporary Preferential Parking Districts are limited in duration to a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval of the resolution. Temporary districts may be renewed on an annual basis by resolution until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist. The proposed Temporary Preferential Parking District would restrict parking in a three-block area for 12 months. Because of its limited size and duration, DOT has concluded that the proposed Temporary Preferential Parking District will not significantly impact the environment. Therefore, establishment of the District falls within the exemption of Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and of Article II, Section 1 of the City's 2002 CEQA Guidelines which provide, "These Guidelines apply generally to discretionary actions by City agencies which may have a significant effect on the environment. However, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not covered by CEQA and these Guidelines do not apply."

DOT has reviewed the petition submitted by the residents Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue represent at least 67 percent of the dwelling units on the block and therefore qualifies for posting of the authorized parking restrictions on these blocks once the Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) is established.

Petitions received from Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue has not met the 67 percent qualification to have signs posted on their block. Petitions have not yet been received from the residents of Malcolm Avenue between Clarkson Road and Selby Avenue. Once the Temporary PPD is established, the residents of these two blocks would be eligible to have the authorized parking restriction signs posted on their blocks, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety, upon receipt and verification by DOT of petitions requesting the installation of the approved parking restriction signed by residents representing at least 67 percent of the dwelling units on each block.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Revenue from sales of permits will cover the additional cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing Temporary PPD No. 158. Furthermore, the City may gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the District's parking restrictions.

COORDINATION:

On February 11, 2009, the Department received a letter from Councilmember Jack Weiss requesting the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158 on Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End , and asking that a "NO PARKING ANY TIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMIT EXEMPT" preferential parking restriction be posted. Councilmember Jack Weiss and his staff have consulted with the Department of Transportation regarding the parking problem on the block of Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue and have concluded that preferential parking is the best possible solution to remedy the problem and provide the residents of this area immediate relief from their parking problems until a permanent solution can be found. Additionally, the Department of Transportation staff and Council District No. 5 staff have worked together to identify two additional blocks, adjacent to Selby Avenue within this District, that should also be included in order to alleviate any potential parking spillover that may occur once the initial two blocks are posted with the Council-authorized preferential parking restrictions.

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Attachments

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 158 ON SELBY AVENUE NEAR THE NOTRE DAME ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL AND SETTING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND THE APPLICABLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

WHEREAS, the establishment of Preferential Parking Districts is a very effective tool in restricting excessive numbers of non-resident vehicles from parking in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the following blocks are bearing the brunt of increased parking demand caused by the students, parents, and visitors from Notre Dame Academy High School; which is adversely impacting the residents' ability to access their property or park in front of their own homes on:

- Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue & the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue
- Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue
- Malcolm Avenue between Selby Avenue and Clarkson Road; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Selby Avenue, signed petitions in favor of establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District with a posted parking restriction of: "NO PARKING ANY TIME VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMIT EXEMPTED", which were forwarded to the Department of Transportation from the 5th Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the signatures submitted represent at least two-thirds of the dwelling units on the residential portions of each of these two blocks; which is sufficient to warrant the installation of the requested preferential parking restriction signs upon Council approval of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has received a written request from Councilmember Jack Weiss, 5th Council District, requesting that the Department of Transportation establish a Temporary Preferential Parking District for the neighborhood south of Notre Dame High School with "No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 158 Permit Exempt" restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and staff from the 5th Council District Office have identified the following two additional blocks, adjacent to the two blocks above, that may be impacted by the spillover of this same parking problem if this proposed District is limited to the two blocks that originally petitioned on:

- Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue
- Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue & the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue and;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 152,722, effective September 2, 1979, as revised by Ordinance No. 157,425, effective March 18, 1983, and amended again by Ordinance No. 161,414, effective July 26, 1986, and Ordinance No. 171,029 effective June 1, 1996, provided for the establishment of Preferential Parking Districts by Resolution of the Council in each case, under Section 80.58 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d hereby establishes Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158 consisting of the residential portions of both sides of the following three blocks:

- Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue
- Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue
- Malcolm Avenue between Selby Avenue and Clarkson Road

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158 through the adoption of this Resolution, the residential portions of both sides of Selby Avenue between Selby Avenue and the Dead End south of Malcolm Avenue be posted with the following restriction:

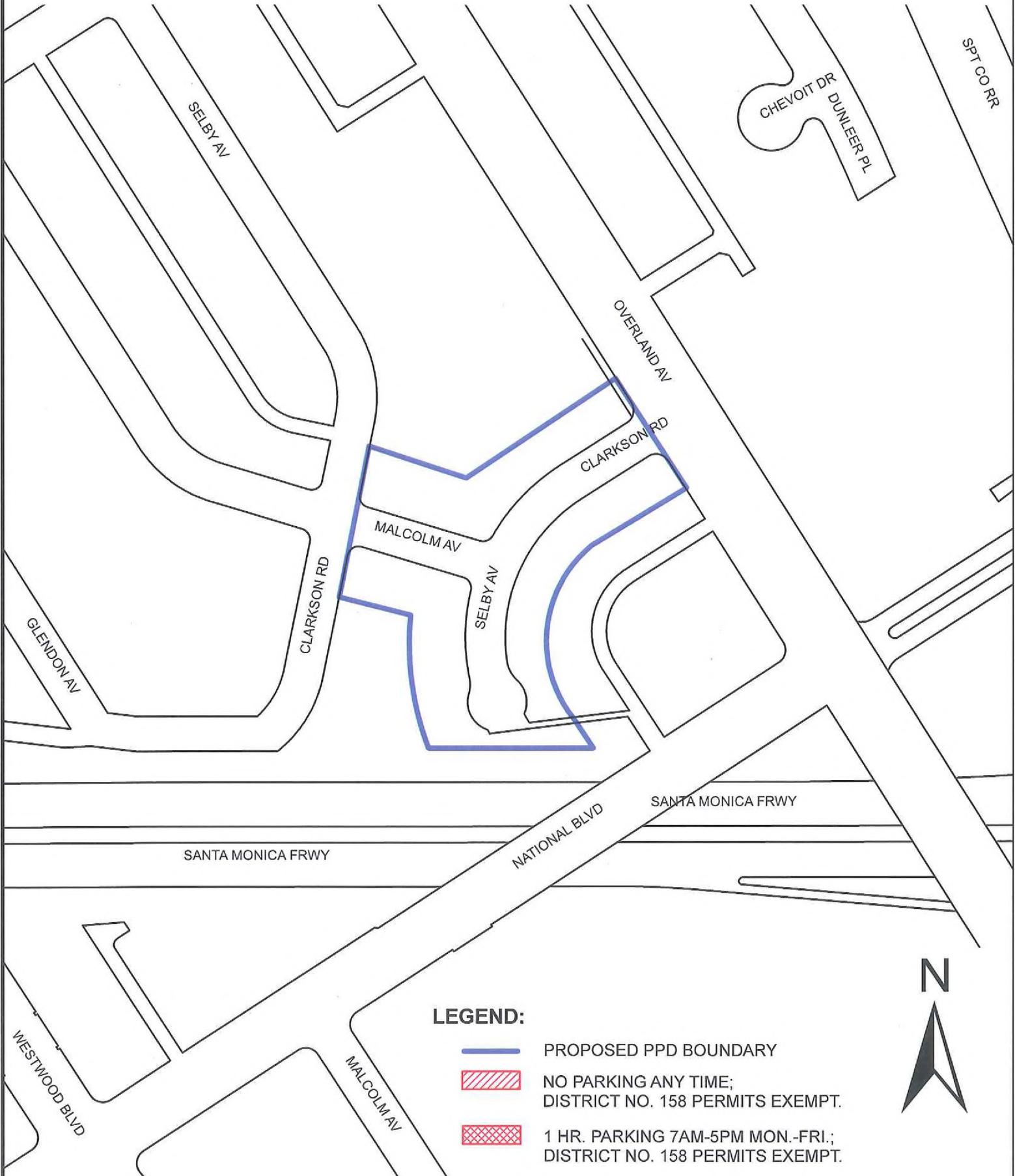
“NO PARKING ANYTIME; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMIT EXEMPT”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation be directed to take the appropriate steps to prepare, issue and require payments for permits from the residents of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 158 in accordance with Section 80.58 of the L.A.M.C. and the “Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts” adopted by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation be directed to post the authorized parking restriction signs on Clarkson Road between Overland Avenue and Malcolm Avenue and Malcolm Avenue between Selby Avenue and Clarkson Road, except for the areas on these two blocks where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety, upon receipt and verification of signatures from the residents of either of these blocks requesting the approved parking restriction for their block, and representing at least 67 percent of the dwelling units on their block; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority for this District shall have a maximum duration of 12 months from the date of approval of this Resolution. The District may be renewed on an annual basis by Resolution until either a permanent solution is found for the parking problem at this location or the problem ceases to exist.

PROPOSED PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 158
COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
TEMPORARY



LEGEND:

-  PROPOSED PPD BOUNDARY
-  NO PARKING ANY TIME;
DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMITS EXEMPT.
-  1 HR. PARKING 7AM-5PM MON.-FRI.;
DISTRICT NO. 158 PERMITS EXEMPT.



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Councilmember, Fifth District
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February 11, 2009

Ms. Rita Robinson
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Dear Ms. Robinson:

My staff has been working with the residents of the 2900 block of south Selby Ave. from where Clarkson Rd. meets the west side of Overland Ave. to where Selby Ave. ends in a cul-de-sac adjacent to the north side of the 10 freeway. Motorists park their vehicles on this street while working at or visiting the nearby office complex at the northwest corner of Overland Ave. and National Blvd. or other non-residential commercial or community institutional facilities. This has adversely impacted residents' ability to access or park in front of their properties and has contributed to loitering and other nuisances.

The residents of this street have been seeking immediate relief from this parking problem. It is clear to my office that this block is the most significantly impacted. Since it appears that there will not be a demand of six blocks or more in this neighborhood for a traditional Preferential Parking District at this time, I am requesting the installation of an Emergency Preferential Parking District for the 2900 block of south Selby Ave.

I support the request of residents for immediate relief and the establishment of an Emergency Preferential Parking District for the boundaries as proposed. The greatest need for parking restrictions is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., but I would support restrictions to be extended to 24 hours if the Department considers this necessary to give the residents of this street the desired relief from the current parking conditions.

I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the approval process and implementation of this Temporary Preferential Parking District. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Greenstein of my staff at (310) 289-0353.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jack Weiss'.

JACK WEISS