

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 20, 2014

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

From: Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager  
Department of Transportation 

Subject: **BEACHWOOD DRIVE TRAFFIC PLAN**

**SUMMARY**

Subsequent to Council Motion 14-0126 dated January 28, 2014 noting challenges related to traffic and parking congestion on Beachwood Drive, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) have prepared recommendations regarding the traffic and public safety challenges in the Beachwood Canyon/Hollywoodland area. The Departments conducted field studies and observed conditions in the neighborhood over several weeks and weekends, including holidays.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council RECEIVE AND FILE this report.

**DISCUSSION**

**Overview**

Beachwood Drive is the major thoroughfare in this neighborhood, and is one of the main arteries leading to the Hollywood Sign. The proximity to Griffith Park, and this world-famous landmark, makes for many challenges in the area. Beachwood Drive is north of Ledgewood Drive, and is a narrow, substandard street that is only 29-33 feet in width; has either no sidewalks or 4-foot wide sidewalks with obstacles such as poles right in the middle of the walkway; and currently offers parking on both sides of the street. This accounts for many challenges with parking and traffic. The street frequently becomes congested, and the situation is made more complicated by many people who park elsewhere and use the street to walk up towards the Hollywood Sign.

**Action**

Based on our findings, LADOT's recommendation is to immediately post signage on the east side of Beachwood Drive, between Ledgewood and Hollyridge Drives, as "No Parking Tow Away" from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, to support the 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM temporary preferential parking district that the community is in the process of

establishing for weekends and holidays. The Department recommends that the "No Parking Tow Away" on the east side of Beachwood Drive be posted seven days a week.

Furthermore, the Department also recommends that the small dirt parking lot near the Sunset Ranch, north of the terminus of Beachwood Drive, be designated as parking for stables only and restricted via an electric gate that would be operated by the stables to allow vehicular ingress and egress solely for use by their customers.

The combination of the preferential parking district, stables-only parking, and no parking on the east side of Beachwood Drive will bring an immediate solution to the safety concerns that have been expressed. The Departments will continue to study the situation and make further recommendations and reports as warranted.

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c: Honorable Tom LaBonge, CD 4  
Honorable Gilbert Cedillo, CD 1  
Captain Luke A. Millick, LAFD  
Captain Peter A. Zarcone, LAPD, Hollywood Division

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# MOTION

Beachwood Drive is the main thoroughfare in the Beachwood Canyon/Hollywoodland area, and is an historical street paved in the 1920s that is now known more casually as the street that leads up to the Hollywood Sign, one of the most famous landmarks in the world.

As Global Positioning Systems (GPS), social media and other technologies have advanced, the Beachwood Canyon/Hollywoodland area has experienced many challenges related to traffic and parking congestion, particularly on weekends, holidays and high tourist season(s). This has proven to be an immense obstruction to local residents and tourists alike. As there are no sidewalks on upper Beachwood Drive, people are found walking and standing in narrow streets, making it difficult for people and automobiles to maneuver and share the road. Extremely limited parking and difficult traffic flow does not allow access for emergency vehicles.

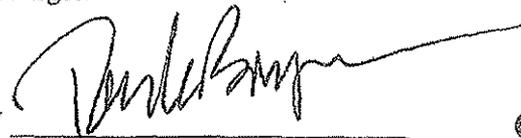
In recent months, the City has worked with area residents to address these issues in various ways, including establishing temporary preferential parking districts and other measures. Furthermore, numerous City agencies, including the Los Angeles Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Transportation and Department of Recreation and Parks/Park Rangers Division have been involved with finding remedies for the challenges in the Beachwood Canyon/Hollywoodland area.

As the Council Office continues to work with area residents to address concerns, a comprehensive assessment of the various departments' findings is needed in order to further guide policymaking decisions in future months and years.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LAPD, LAFD, LADOT and the Park Rangers Division in the Department of Recreation and Parks be immediately instructed to report to the City Council a thorough and detailed assessment of their understanding of the Beachwood Canyon/Hollywoodland area and the traffic and public safety challenges the neighborhood currently faces.

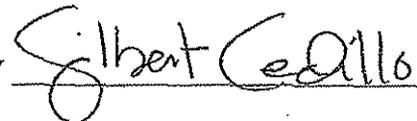
I FURTHER MOVE that these departments be instructed to provide recommendations to the City Council for remedies and solutions to these challenges.

PRESENTED BY



TOM LABONGE  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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