

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2015

TO: The Honorable City Council
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. 176 IN THE SHERMAN OAKS AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

SUMMARY

This report recommends the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 176.

RECOMMENDATION

1. FIND that there is an adverse impact caused by visitors and employees of businesses as well as a public elementary school throughout the proposed Preferential Parking District No. 176. The spillover of non-resident vehicles occurs daily and nightly resulting in the residents being unable to find parking within their community.
2. ADOPT the attached RESOLUTION establishing PPD No. 176 to include the area bounded in a clockwise fashion by both sides of Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Magnolia Boulevard and Addison Street; North side of Addison Street between Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Alcove Avenue; West side of Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Addison Street and Riverside Drive; Centerline of Riverside Drive between Coldwater Canyon Avenue and the point at which the west curb of Morse Avenue would intersect the North curb of Riverside Drive; South curb of Huston Street; from the point at which Morse intersects the south curb of Huston to Ethel Avenue; West curb of Ethel Avenue between Huston Street and Addison Street; and Addison Street between Ethel Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Avenue, pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).
3. AUTHORIZE "NO PARKING DAILY 11 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 11 PM" be authorized as the only restriction available for posting on the following streets in PPD No. 176 upon receipt and approval of valid petitions.
 - West side of Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Riverside Drive and Addison Street
 - East side of Van Noord Avenue between Riverside Drive and La Maida Street
4. AUTHORIZE the following restrictions for all other streets in PPD No.176 upon receipt and approval of valid petitions:
 - a. "NO PARKING 6 PM TO 7 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 7 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 176 PERMITS EXEMPT."
 - b. "NO PARKING 11 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 11 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 176 PERMITS EXEMPT."

- c. "NO PARKING 6 PM TO 7 AM, 1 HOUR PARKING 7 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 176 PERMITS EXEMPT."
 - d. "2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 10 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 176 PERMITS EXEMPT."
5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to install "No Parking 6 PM to 7 AM, 2 Hour Parking 7 AM to 6 PM; Vehicles with District No. 176 Exempt" on the following streets:
- Addison Street between Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Morse Avenue
 - Addison Street between Morse Avenue and Ethel Avenue
 - Morse Avenue between Addison Street and Huston Street
 - Huston Street between Morse Avenue and Van Noord Avenue
 - Van Noord Avenue between Huston Street and dead end north of Huston Street
 - La Maida Street between Van Noord Avenue and dead end west of Van Noord Avenue
6. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within the boundaries of PPD No. 176, as specified in Section 80.58 of the LAMC.
7. DIRECT the LADOT, upon Council adoption of the Resolution establishing the District, to post, or remove, the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and verification of the valid petitions, without further action by the City Council.

DISCUSSION

The Preferential Parking Program is set forth in Section 80.58 of the LAMC. It provides for the establishment of a preferential parking district by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by the 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 PPD study is initiated by a request from a representative of the affected area neighborhood group or by the associated Councilmember. However, the area must meet the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" (PPD Rules) adopted by the City Council.

Residents of the following six blocks submitted qualifying petitions to the LADOT requesting the establishment of PPD No. 176:

1. Addison Street between Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Morse Avenue
2. Addison Street between Morse Avenue and Ethel Avenue
3. Morse Avenue between Addison Street and Huston Street
4. Huston Street between Morse Avenue and Van Noord Avenue
5. Van Noord Avenue between Huston Street and dead end north of Huston Street
6. La Maida Street between Van Noord Avenue and dead end west of Van Noord Avenue

The petitions received represent more than 67 percent of household units on both sides of each street and cover more than 50 percent of the developed frontage for the six blocks of the residential neighborhood. A block is defined as a street segment between two street intersections, or between an intersection and a dead end, or where the hundred block" of the house numbers changes for long street segments.

On Wednesday, April 24, 2013, a parking impact study was conducted between the hours of 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with the results of the study showing that streets in the area were impacted by non-residents to qualify the establishment process to advance to the public hearing phase. To satisfy the criteria of the parking study, at least four blocks must have a minimum of 75 percent of the legal parking spaces occupied, and at least 25 percent of all legal parking spaces must be occupied by vehicles registered to non-residents on at least four blocks. The address of the vehicle's registered owner, determined through the Department of Motor Vehicles, was used to determine resident or non-resident status. The license plate surveys were conducted during a weekday, based on input from the applicant when the parking problem in the neighborhood was most severe, as well as the hours that preferential parking restrictions were requested on the submitted petitions.

For the purpose of determining the percentages of non-resident vehicles that were impacting the parking availability within the proposed Preferential Parking District, vehicles registered to residents within four blocks of the petitioning area were considered "resident" vehicles. Vehicles registered more than four blocks away from the petitioning core area, and outside of the proposed boundaries of PPD No. 176 were considered as "non-residents" vehicles. On the map showing the "maximum allowable boundaries" of proposed PPD No. 176, vehicles registered to residents within two blocks of the boundaries were considered as "resident" vehicles to allow for anticipated spill over.

BACKGROUND

On October, 31, 2013, the LADOT received a letter from Councilmember Tom LaBonge's office requesting establishment of a Preferential Parking District in support of the establishment of this Preferential Parking District to address the spillover parking from the Whole Foods Grocery Store, and other local businesses. The, Non-resident vehicle, spillover occurs daily and nightly and results in the resident being unable to find parking within their own community. No permanent or temporary solution is available other than preferential parking.

The establishment of PPD No.176, pursuant to 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 as there will be negligible change in use.

COORDINATION

On October 31, 2013, the LADOT received a letter from Councilmember Tom La Bonge supporting the establishment of a preferential parking district in the Hidden Hills Area of Sherman Oaks (see attached letter). LADOT staff has worked with staff from the 4th Council District on this request to determine what recommendations would be appropriate for this District. A public hearing was conducted on December 17, 2013 with the majority of participants supporting the establishment of PPD No. 176 (see attached Hearing Officer's Report).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing and administering PPD No. 176. Should motorists be found in violation of the posted Preferential Parking District restriction citations issued may result in some increase to the General Fund.

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Attachments:

- Resolution
- PPD Maps
- Request Letter Councilmember Tom La Bonge
- Hearing Officer's Report