

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. The establishment of a PPD is initiated by a request from a representative of the affected neighborhood group or by the area's Councilmember. 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 November 6, 2018 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 living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, comprising 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. The Board of Transportation Commissioners conducts a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the preliminary findings and recommendation 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.

Parking is currently allowed in this area, and the establishment of this PPD involves negligible or no expansion to existing use; therefore, the establishment of this PPD falls within the Class 1 categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III.1.a.3.

DISCUSSION

On January 31, 2022, LADOT received the attached letter from Councilmember Nithya Raman requesting permit parking for neighborhoods near Runyon Canyon in CD 4. The letter indicated that parking challenges were caused by non-residents hiking Runyon Canyon and using the neighborhood to avoid the restrictions of the adjacent PPD leaving few spaces for residents. Councilmember Raman, LADOT, and the residents of the neighborhood believe the establishment of PPD No. 326 will address ongoing and increasing parking concerns in the area.

The residents provided signed petitions from the blocks listed below. A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. The following 12 blocks submitted petitions representing

more than 75 percent of the dwelling units on both sides of the street covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on each block:

- Courtney Terrace between Courtney Avenue and the cul de sac
- Curson Avenue between Curson Place and Wattles Drive
- Curson Avenue between Curson Terrace and Curson Place
- Curson Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Curson Terrace
- Curson Place between Curson Terrace and Curson Avenue
- Curson Terrace between Curson Avenue and the cul de sac
- Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Ogden Drive and Orange Grove Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Orange Grove Avenue and Fairfax Avenue
- Orange Grove Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
- Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and 1810 North Stanley Avenue
- Wattles Drive bet 1900 Wattles Drive and Curson Avenue

Parking Analysis

LADOT staff conducted a parking study on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM, and determined that the following four blocks in the proposed established area have a parking occupancy of at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces, thus satisfying the parking study criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

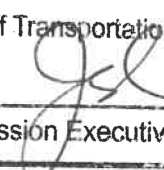
- Fairfax Avenue between Hillside Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard
- Hillside Avenue between Fairfax Avenue and the cul de sac west Fairfax Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Fairfax Avenue and Fairfax Avenue
- Hillside Avenue between Fairfax Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue
- Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and 1810 North Stanley Avenue

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 326. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments

Approved: 12/14/2024
Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant