


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

Date: April 10, 2025

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **CONVERSION OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 149 IN THE ECHO PARK AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 13 TO PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 149 AND EXPANSION OF ITS BOUNDARIES**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the conversion of Temporary Preferential Parking District (TPPD) No. 149 to Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 149 in the Echo Park area of Council District (CD) 13 and expansion of its boundaries.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that the residents of the Echo Park area in CD 13 need immediate relief from the lack of residential parking on their blocks as a result of businesses and restaurants on Sunset Boulevard, and general intrusive parking from non-residents.
2. FIND that the conversion of TPPD No. 149 to PPD No. 149 and its expansion, 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 to convert TPPD No. 149 to PPD No. 149 and expand its boundaries, pursuant to the City Council's November 6, 2018 "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," which currently includes both sides of Laveta Terrace between Sunset Boulevard and McDuff Street.

Expansion to include the streets within the residential area bounded by the centerline (unless otherwise noted):

- Sunset Boulevard between Portia Street and Echo Park Avenue
- Echo Park Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Scott Avenue
- Scott Avenue between Echo Park Avenue and Portia Street
- Both sides of Portia Street between Scott Avenue and Sunset Boulevard

4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 149:
 - 1 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM, NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
5. INSTRUCT LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within PPD No. 149, 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 segments 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, without further action of the City Council.

BACKGROUND

On August 20, 2010, City Council adopted TPPD No. 149 (CF 08-2087) to provide relief for residents on Laveta Terrace between Sunset Boulevard and McDuff Street from the parking impact created by the businesses and restaurants on Sunset Boulevard and general intrusive parking from non-residents, which prevented residents from parking near their homes.

The “Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts” approved by the City Council on November 6, 2018, allows LADOT to recommend the expansion of a PPD provided all the requirements are met and the Program Criteria are found to be generally satisfied.

Parking is currently allowed in this area; therefore, the expansion 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 April 14, 2022, LADOT received a letter from Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, requesting the conversion of TPPD No. 149 to PPD No. 149 and expansion of its boundaries. Councilmember O’Farrell’s letter indicated that residents in the area were impacted by parking challenges. On February 7, 2025, Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez sent a letter to LADOT confirming the issues outlined in the original

support letter. Both letters requested the same larger PPD area, which LADOT reduced to the proposed boundaries in Recommendation 3. The proposed boundaries reflect the maximum size, which is determined by the qualifying petitions submitted and the nearest major streets per the “Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts.”

LADOT has determined that a PPD will provide parking relief to the residents of the area. Councilmember Soto-Martinez, former Councilmember O’Farrell, and the residents of the Echo Park neighborhood concur with the Department’s recommendation.

The residents provided signed petitions from blocks listed below. A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. The following five blocks submitted petitions representing at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on both sides of the street covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on each block, thus satisfying the petition requirements set forth in the “Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts”:

- Galveston Street between North McDuff Street and Portia Street
- Galveston Street between North McDuff Street and South McDuff Street
- Laveta Terrace between Laveta Terrace stairs and McDuff Street
- Laveta Terrace between McDuff Street at curve and McDuff Street
- McDuff Street between South Laveta Terrace and Galveston Street

Parking Analysis

LADOT staff conducted a parking study on Thursday, June 30, 2022, from 1 PM to 3 PM and Thursday October 10, 2024, and determined that at least 85 percent of the parking spaces on the following blocks were occupied, thus satisfying the parking study criteria set forth in the “Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts”:

- Portia Street between Sunset Boulevard and Galveston Street
- Laveta Terrace between McDuff Street and Laveta Terrace

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 149. Additionally, violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments

RESOLUTION

CONVERSION OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 149 IN THE ECHO PARK AREA OF COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 13 TO PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 149 AND EXPANSION OF ITS BOUNDARIES

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. City Council adopted the latest revisions on November 6, 2018, 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 amended by Ordinance No. 180,059, adopted by the City Council on August 30, 2008, which further updated the Permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Echo Park area in Council District (CD) 13 need immediate relief from the lack of residential parking on their blocks as a result of businesses and restaurants on Sunset Boulevard and general intrusive parking from non-residents; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2008, City Council approved the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District (TPPD) No. 149 that currently includes both sides of Laveta Terrace between Sunset Boulevard and McDuff Street; and

WHEREAS, LADOT recommends the conversion of TPPD No. 149 to PPD No. 149 and expansion of its boundaries based on the determination that the signatures submitted represent at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on the blocks below, which are included within the proposed expansion area and is sufficient to warrant the installation of the requested preferential parking restriction signs upon City Council approval of the Resolution.

- Galveston Street between North McDuff Street and Portia Street
- Galveston Street between North McDuff Street and South McDuff Street
- Laveta Terrace between Laveta Terrace stairs and McDuff Street
- Laveta Terrace between McDuff Street at curve and McDuff Street
- McDuff Street between South Laveta Terrace and Galveston Street

WHEREAS, LADOT conducted parking studies in the proposed expansion area, which indicated that at least two blocks 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that TPPD No. 149 be converted into PPD No. 149 and expand its boundaries to include all of the following additional blocks bounded by the centerline (unless otherwise noted):

- Sunset Boulevard between Portia Street and Echo Park Avenue
- Echo Park Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Scott Avenue
- Scott Avenue between Echo Park Avenue and Portia Street
- Both sides of Portia Street between Scott Avenue and Sunset Boulevard

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the PPD No. 149 expansion through the adoption of the Resolution, LADOT be authorized to post or remove the following preferential parking restrictions on any of the blocks within the district, without further action by the City Council, upon receipt and verification of the requisite petition(s) as provided for in the adopted "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

- 1 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM, NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
- 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 149 PERMITS EXEMPT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be directed to take appropriate steps to prepare, issue, and require payments for permits from the residents of PPD No. 149 in accordance with LAMC and Rules and Procedures adopted by the City Council for PPDs.




PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 149

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO.13

Central Enforcement



LEGEND:

-  PPD No.149 Boundary
-  PPD No.149 Boundary Expansion
-  School



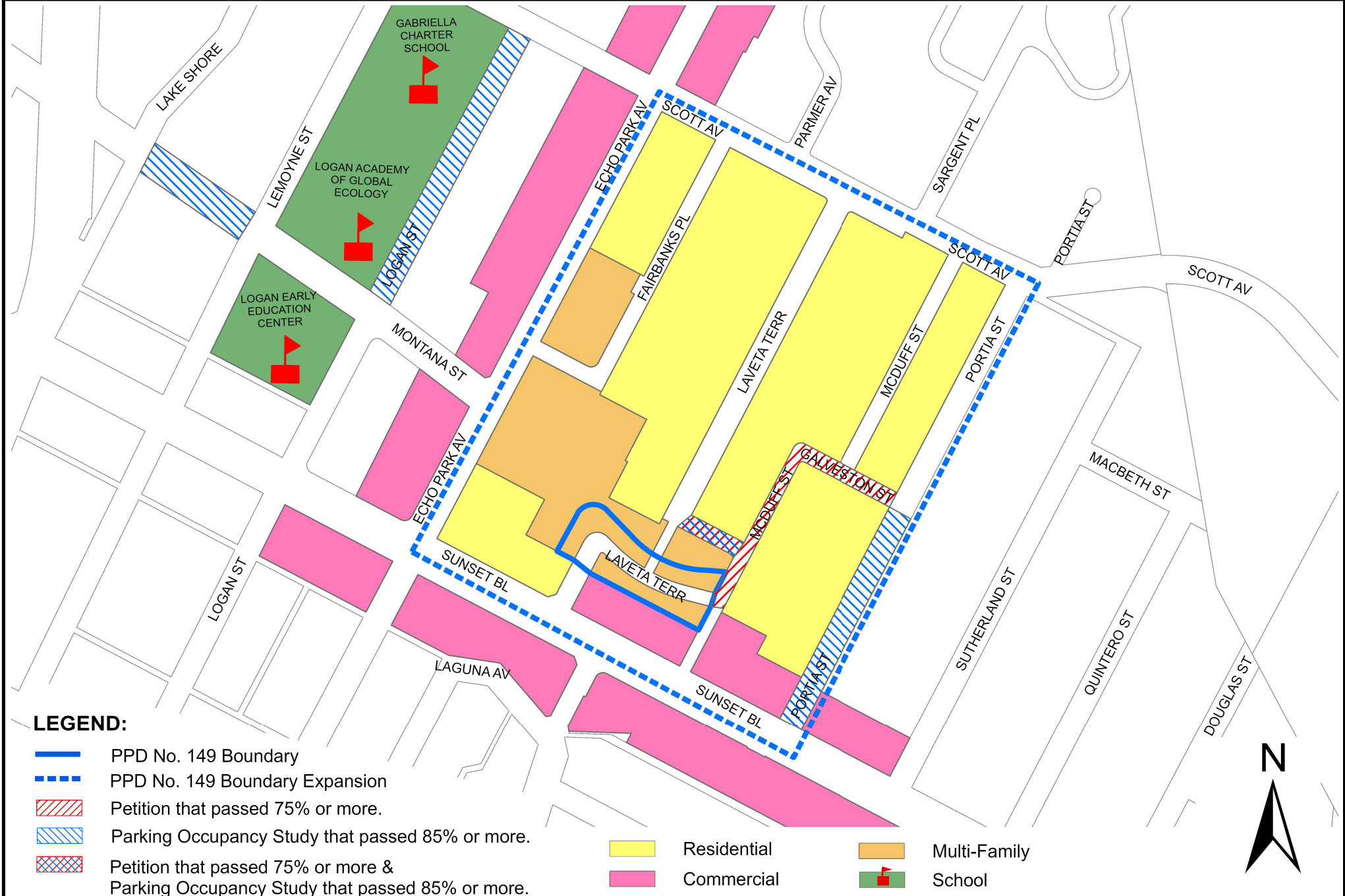
1 Hr Parking 8AM-6PM, No Parking 6PM-8AM;
Vehicles With District No. 149 Permits Exempt



PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 149

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 13

PETITION, PARKING STUDY AND LAND USE





HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ

Councilmember, Thirteenth District

February 7th, 2025

Laura Rubio Cornejo
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RE: REQUEST TO EXTEND BOUNDARIES FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 149

Dear Ms. Rubio-Cornejo,

Residents of Echo Park have contacted my office seeking relief from parking challenges and have requested that we expand the boundaries for Preferential Parking District (PPD) 149. My office is formally requesting that PPD 149 be extended for the zone bounded by

Academy Road on the NORTH
Lakeshore Ave on the WEST
Elysian Park Drive on the EAST
Sunset Boulevard on the SOUTH

Currently PPD 149 has the following restrictions:

“No Parking 6pm to 8am; 2 hour parking 8am to 6pm; 7 days a week; vehicles with permit 149 exempt”

Residents who wish to have their streets posted with said restrictions will still need to follow the DOT petition process and meet the threshold for establishing a PPD on their street. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact my Field Deputy Laila Molina at (213) 886-4302 or email at laila.molina@lacity.org.

Thank you,

Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martínez, 13th District



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember
13th District

April 14, 2022

Ms. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager
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RE: REQUEST TO EXTEND BOUNDARIES FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 149

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

Residents in Echo Park have contacted my office seeking relief from parking challenges and have requested that we expand the boundaries further for Preferential Parking District (PPD) 149.

My office is formally requesting that PPD 149 be extended for the zone bounded by:

- **Academy Road on the NORTH**
- **Lakeshore Avenue on the WEST**
- **Elysian Park Drive on the EAST**
- **Sunset Boulevard on the SOUTH**

Currently PPD 149 has the following restrictions:

“No Parking 6 PM to 8 AM; 1 Hour Parking 8AM to 6 PM; Vehicles with Permit 149 Exempt.”

Residents who wish to have their streets posted with said restrictions will still need to follow the Department of Transportation petition process and meet the threshold for establishing a PPD on their street.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact my Field Deputy in Echo Park Juan Fregoso at [\(213\) 207-3015](tel:2132073015) or email at juan.fregoso@lacity.org.

Best Regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District