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March 11, 2022

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Attention: City Clerk

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 322 IN THE SOLANO
CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

At its regular virtual meeting of March 11, 2022, the Board of Transportation Commissioners considered the evidence presented at the public hearing and approved the above-referenced report. A copy of the Board's action is attached and hereby transmitted to the City Council for consideration and approval.

If you need further information, please contact Michelle Cayton, Supervising Transportation Planner Parking Permits Division, at (213) 972-4935.

Sincerely,

Jasmin San Luis
Acting Commission Executive Assistant

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

Date: March 11, 2022

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 322 IN THE SOLANO CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 322 in the Solano Canyon neighborhood in Council District (CD) 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FIND that there is no solution available to address the parking shortage on the 600 block of Park Row Drive, which is adjacent to Elysian Reservoir, has a unique topography, and is not contiguous with other streets in Solano Canyon leading to parking congestion from which the residents deserve immediate relief.
2. FIND that the establishment of PPD No. 322, 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 establishing the boundaries of PPD No. 322, pursuant to the City Council's November 6, 2018, "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," to include the 600 block of Park Row Drive.
4. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 322:
 - 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
5. INSTRUCT LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures for preparing and selling parking permits to residents within PPD No. 322, as specified in Section 80.58 of the LAMC.

DIRECT LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on the residential portions of the street segment enumerated in Recommendation No. 3, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.

6. 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, after establishment of this PPD, without further action by the City Council.

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. 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 of 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.

The aforementioned Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts also provide for the establishment of an Isolated Area PPD (Section C.1.b) where the size of the residential neighborhood is comprised of five or fewer blocks which are not connected to any additional residential blocks.

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 August 4, 2021, LADOT received the attached letter from Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo requesting the establishment of a PPD on Park Row Drive in the Solano Canyon neighborhood of CD 1. The letter indicated that this segment of Park Row Drive is isolated from other street segments due to its topography. The isolation of this block greatly restricts the availability of on-street parking for the residents, many of whom don't have driveways or other off-street parking. Since the 600 block of Park Row Drive is isolated it does qualify for Isolated Area PPD per Section C.1.b of the Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts. Councilmember Cedillo, LADOT, and the residents of the 600 block of Park Row Drive believe the establishment of PPD No. 322 would provide parking relief to the residents of the area.

The residents of the 600 block of Park Row Drive provided a signed petition to establish PPD No. 322 and post their block with the parking restriction, "No Parking 6 PM to 8 AM, 2 Hour Parking 8 AM to 6 PM; Vehicles with District No. 322 Permits Exempt", thus satisfying the petition criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts." A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. The petition represents at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on both sides of the street covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage of this block.

Parking Analysis

LADOT staff conducted a parking study on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and determined that at least 85 percent of the available legal parking spaces on the 600 block of Park Row Drive were occupied, thus satisfying the parking study criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts."

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 322. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

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Attachments

Approved: <u>3/11/2022</u>
Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 322 IN THE SOLANO CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

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," revised by Ordinance No. 177,845, effective September 30, 2006, and an amendment 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 600 block of Park Row Drive in the Solano Canyon neighborhood experience difficulties finding parking near their homes due to non-residents who park on their block; and

WHEREAS, according to Section C.1.b (Isolated Area PPD) of the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts", the minimum size of the proposed PPD is waived because it is isolated from all the other blocks in the Solano Canyon neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, LADOT conducted a parking study, which indicated that the block in the proposed PPD has 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

WHEREAS, LADOT determined that the signatures submitted represent at least 75 percent of the dwelling units on the residential portions of the 600 block of Park Row Drive, thus meeting the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," to warrant the installation of the requested preferential parking restriction signs upon City Council approval of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Resolution be adopted by the City Council establishing PPD No. 322, consisting of the residential portion of the 600 block of Park Row Drive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the following preferential parking restrictions on any block within the district, without further action by the City Council, upon receipt and verification of requisite petition(s) as provided for in the adopted "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts":

- 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
- NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LADOT be authorized to post or remove the "NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction on both sides of the residential portions of the 600 block of Park Row Drive for which residents provided valid signed petitions, without further action by the City Council; and

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. 322 in accordance with LAMC and Rules and Procedures adopted by the City Council for PPDs.



PROPOSED PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 322

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1

Central Enforcement

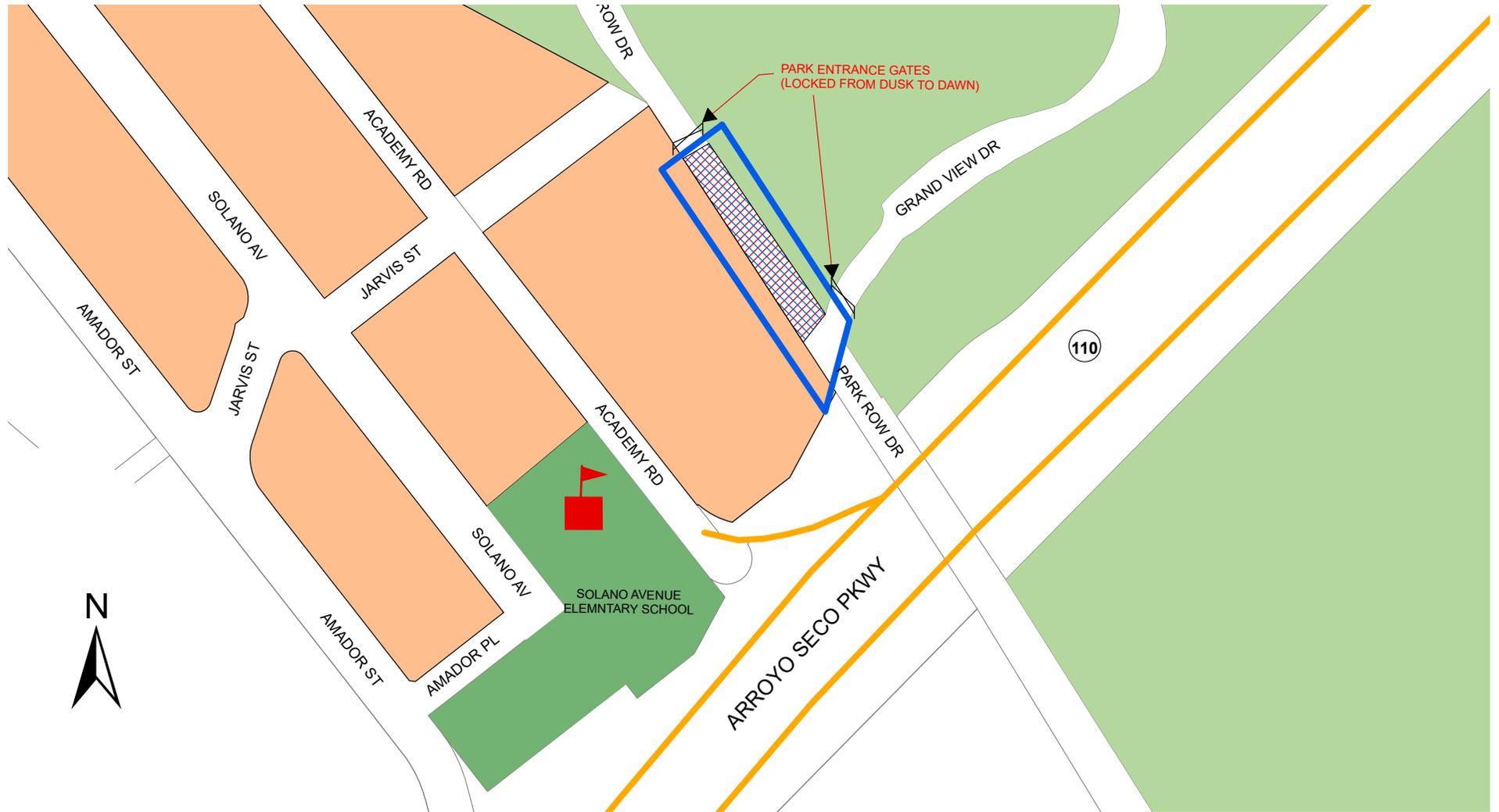


Legend:

-  PPD No. 322 Boundary
-  Elysian Reservoir, Grand View Point



CITY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PROPOSED PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 322
COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1
PETITION, PARKING STUDY & LANDUSE



Legend:

-  PPD No. 322 Boundary
-  Elysian Reservoir, Grand View Point
-  Multiple Family
-  Residential
-  Petition that passed 75% or more & Parking Occupancy Study that passed 85% or more.



GILBERT A. CEDILLO

COUNCILMEMBER
FIRST DISTRICT

August 4, 2021

Ms. Seleta J. Reynolds
General Manager
Department of Transportation
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds.

RE: Request for the Establishment of a New Preferential Parking District.

I am requesting the Department of Transportation begin processing a new Preferential Parking District (PPD) for the community of Solano Canyon, per Council File 20-1528.

At this time, there are no solutions available to address the parking shortage in particular areas of this community and the topography is unique to this block within Elysian Park and not contiguous with other streets in Solano. For the latter reasons, I am requesting a PPD be approved and implanted on the following section of Park Row Drive:

- Park Row Drive from Casanova Street to the entrance of Elysian Park.

I support posting of "No Parking Anytime, District Permits Exempt" on the respective streets within the PPD requested. I hope to get your expeditious and favorable response shortly.

If you have any additional questions, please follow up with my Senior Field Deputy, Ricardo Flores at 323-550-1538 or Ricardo.X.Flores@lacity.org

Sincerely,

Gilbert Cedillo
Councilmember, First District