

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 322 in the Solano Canyon Neighborhood.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
2. 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.
3. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 322:
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 - a. 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - b. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - c. NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - d. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 322 PERMITS EXEMPT
5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (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.
6. DIRECT the LADOT to:

- a. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on the residential portions of the street segment enumerated above in Recommendation No, 3, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
- b. 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. 3 after establishment of this PPD, without further action by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Transportation Commissioners (Board) reports that 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.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 12, 2022, your Committee considered a March 11, 2022 Board report relative to establishment of PPD No. 322 in the Solano Canyon Neighborhood. According to the Board, the Preferential Parking Program is set forth in LAMC Section 8058 provides for the establishment of a PPD by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by the LADOT, and authorizes the LADOT 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 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.

On August 4, 2021, the 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. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES

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