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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

PPD No. 35
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DATE: June 30, 2008

TO: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Wendy Greuel, Chair, Transportation Committee

FROM: for Rita L. Robinson, General Manager
Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF BOUNDARIES FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 35 FOR WYTON DRIVE / WESTHOLME AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD EAST OF UCLA
C.F. NO. 83-0946

RECOMMENDATIONS for Council action:

1. FIND that the amendment of the boundaries for Preferential Parking District No. 35, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) Section 80.58.b, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the General Exemption (Article II, Section 1 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines).

2. FIND that an adverse parking impact exists, from which the residents deserve continued relief, on Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive, in Council District No. 5; and

3. FIND that Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive were unintentionally deleted from Preferential Parking District No. 11 when the boundaries of Preferential Parking District No. 11 were divided into two separate districts, Preferential Parking District No. 11 and Preferential Parking District No. 35, by the adoption of a Resolution on May 1, 1987 (C.F.83-0946)

4. ADOPT the attached RESOLUTION amending the boundaries of Preferential Parking District No. 35, pursuant to Section 80.58.b of the L.A.M.C., to include the residential portions the following blocks:

   a. Hilgard Avenue between Strathmore Drive and Warner Avenue (east side only)

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b. Strathmore Drive between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue
c. Warner Avenue between Strathmore Drive and Hilgard Avenue

4. DIRECT the DOT to prepare a Notice of Exemption reflecting Council's actions under Recommendation No. 1 above and file such notice with the City and County Clerks within five working days of the City Council's action.

DISCUSSION:

On August 10, 1983, the City Council adopted a Resolution establishing Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 11 for the neighborhood east of UCLA, in order to provided the residents of this neighborhood with parking relief from the students attending UCLA. Following the initial implementation, the boundaries of PPD No. 11 were amended twice by the City Council, and then on May 1, 1987, a Resolution (C.F. 83-0946) was adopted by the City Council that split PPD No. 11 into two separate districts, PPD No. 11 and PPD No. 35.

Recently it was discovered that the following three street segments within the original boundaries of PPD No. 11 were not re-assigned by Resolution to either PPD No. 11 or PPD No. 35 when the PPD No. 11 boundaries were divided on May 1, 1987:

- Hilgard Avenue between Strathmore Drive and Warner Avenue (east side only)
- Strathmore Drive between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue
- Warner Avenue between Strathmore Drive and Hilgard Avenue

It has also been verified that there are currently PPD No. 35 parking restrictions posted for two of these street segments, and that the issuance of PPD permits was never discontinued. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has concluded that these three street segments must have been unintentionally omitted from the Resolution and Report that divided PPD No. 11 back in 1987.

The DOT has discussed this with the staff from the 5th Council District, and recommended that the boundaries of PPD No. 35 be amended to restore Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive. On August 14, 2006, Councilmember Jack Weiss, 5th District, submitted a letter (copy attached) to the DOT requesting that the boundaries of PPD No. 35 be corrected to include Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive.

A notice of the proposed boundary amendments was mailed to all residents of PPD No. 35 in December 2007, and on January 7, 2008, a community meeting was held at the Westwood Library. At this meeting, and during a 30-day public comment period that followed, one comment was received in favor of the proposed boundary amendments, and no comments were received in opposition.

Background

The neighborhood east of UCLA, is developed with a mix of single-family homes, student housing, fraternity and sorority homes, and apartment buildings (see attached map). The shortage of on-campus student parking, and the unwillingness of students to pay to park on-campus at UCLA is adversely impacting the quality of life for the residents of PPD No. 35, including the residents of Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive. Without preferential parking restrictions, these three blocks would be severely impacted by student parking, and the residents would be unable to find any parking near their homes, since these blocks would be in the middle of the UCLA campus and PPD No. 35 which has preferential parking restrictions posted on almost every block. Councilmember Weiss has requested the boundary correction necessary to continue to provide the residents of these three blocks with similar parking relief that their neighbors in PPD No. 35 are receiving.

The City Council has the authority, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.b, to establish PPDs with appropriate boundaries. The amendment to the boundaries of PPD No. 35 would allow parking to be restricted in an additional three-block area, that is currently posted with PPD No. 35 parking restrictions on two of the blocks. As this amendment to the boundaries is simply a technical correction, and is not expected to result in a change to the existing parking restrictions on three blocks that have had the same parking restrictions for the last 20 years, DOT has concluded that the proposed boundary amendment of PPD No. 35 will not significantly impact the environment. Therefore, the amendment to the boundaries of this District falls within the exemption of section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines and of Article II, Section 1 of the City's 2002 CEQA Guidelines, which provide, "These Guidelines apply generally to discretionary actions by City agencies which may have a significant effect on the environment. However, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not covered by CEQA and these Guidelines do not apply."

Once the boundary amendments to PPD No. 35 are adopted by Council, the residents of Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive will be officially eligible to purchase

permits to park within PPD No. 35. The residents of Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), will be allowed to petition the DOT to have the "No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 Permits Exempted" preferential parking signs installed on their side of the block, and the residents of Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive will be allowed to retain their "No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 Permits Exempted" preferential parking signs, or petition to have them removed, if desired. Any contested parking citations received for the preferential parking restrictions posted on Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive can be determined to be valid once again.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the additional cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing Temporary PPD No. 35. Furthermore, the City may gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the District's parking restrictions on these additional street segments, that are currently dismissed if contested.

COORDINATION:

Councilmember Weiss, 5th District, and his staff have consulted with the Department of Transportation about the boundaries of PPD No. 35, and have concluded that amending the boundaries of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 35 to include Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only), Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive is the best possible solution to remedy the problem at this time; therefore he has requested the amended boundaries of Temporary PPD No. 35.

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RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT TO BOUNDARIES OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 35 FOR WYTON DRIVE / WESTHOLME AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD EAST OF UCLA

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1983, the Council adopted a Resolution establishing Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 11, which was subsequently amended twice, and then divided into PPD No. 11 and PPD No. 35 by Resolution on May 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has identified the following three blocks that were not assigned to either PPD No. 11 or PPD No. 35 when PPD No. 11 was divided on May 1, 1987:

- Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only)
- Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue
- Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive

WHEREAS, these three street segments are located adjacent to the boundaries of PPD No. 35, and there are currently "No Parking Anytime; Vehicles With District No. 35 Permits Exempted" preferential parking restrictions posted on Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Weiss has requested that the boundaries of PPD No. 35 be amended to include Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive, and the east side of Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive in order to provide continued relief to the residents of these three blocks from the same adverse parking impact that their neighbors in PPD No. 35 have required protection from, and that they would be subject to if the "No Parking Anytime, Vehicles with District No. 35 Permits Exempted" parking signs are removed; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the proposed amendment to the boundaries of PPD No. 35 was mailed to all of the residences within PPD No. 35 by the DOT in December 2007, and a community meeting was held at the Westwood Library on January 7, 2008; in which public comments were solicited, and no opposition to this boundary amendment was received at the meeting or during a 30-day public comment period which followed; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 152,722, effective September 2, 1979, as revised by Ordinance No. 157,425, effective March 18, 1983, and amended again by Ordinance No. 161,414, effective July 26, 1986, and Ordinance No. 171,029 effective June 1, 1996, provided for the establishment and the appropriate setting of boundaries of Preferential Parking Districts by Resolution of the Council in each case, under Section 80.58 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.b hereby amends the boundaries of PPD No. 35 to include the following additional blocks:

- Hilgard Avenue between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive (east side only)
- Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue
- Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution, that the authority to enforce the existing "No Parking Anytime; Vehicles With District No. 35 Permits Exempted" preferential parking restrictions posted on Strathmore Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue, and Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive be re-established.

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of PPD No. 35 remain unchanged.

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JACK WEISS
Councilmember, Fifth District

August 14, 2006

Ms. Gloria J. Jeff
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Dear Ms. Jeff:

RE: REQUEST TO CORRECT BOUNDARIES OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (#35)

On May 1, 1987, the City Council adopted a Resolution (C.F. #83-0946) that split an existing Preferential Parking District No. 11 into two separate Preferential Parking Districts 11 and 35. Recently my staff has been working with the residents of these Districts and the Department of Transportation to resolve some on-going problems that have resulted from this action. One of the items that needs to be resolved is that the following three blocks within the original Preferential Parking District No. 11 were not assigned to either new Preferential Parking District No. 11 or new Preferential Parking District No. 35, when the Resolution was written and subequently approved:

- Hilgard Avenue (east side only) between Warner Avenue and Strathmore Drive
- Strathmore Drive between Hilgard Avenue and Warner Avenue
- Warner Avenue between Hilgard Avenue and Strathmore Drive

It has been determined that this was just a clerical oversight. There are currently Preferential Parking District No. 35 signs installed on both Strathmore Drive and Warner Avenue, and these three blocks are within the newly defined Preferential Parking District No. 35 area.

I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the process to correct the boundaries for Preferential Parking District No. 35 to include the above three blocks. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Dennler of my staff at (310) 289-0353.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JACK WEISS
Councilmember, 5th District

c: Brian Gallagher, East Valley Operations Division, Stop 728

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 35

COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
Western Enforcement

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PPD Boundary

"No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 permits exempted"
(Residents eligible for 3 Annual Permits, 2 Visitor Permits, and unlimited Guest Permits.)

No PPD No. 35 signs posted
(Residents eligible for 3 Annual Permits, 2 Visitor Permits only if the block is posted with PPD No. 35 signs (otherwise none), and unlimited Guest Permits.)

"No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 permits exempted"
(Multi-unit residences at the corner of Hilgard are considered as Hilgard address and are eligible for No Annual or Guest permits, and up to 6 Visitor Permits per BUILDING STRUCTURE if block of Hilgard is posted, otherwise no Visitor Permits AND other properties that don't touch Hilgard are allowed 3 Annual Permits, 2 Visitor Permits, and unlimited Guest Permits.)

No PPD No. 35 signs posted
(Multi-unit residences at the corner of Hilgard are considered as Hilgard address and are not eligible for Annual or Guest permits, BUT qualify for up to 6 Visitor Permits per BUILDING STRUCTURE if block of Hilgard is posted, otherwise no Visitor Permits either. Other properties that don't touch Hilgard are allowed 3 Annual Permits, 2 Visitor Permits only if the block is posted with PPD No. 35 signs (otherwise none), and unlimited Guest Permits.)

"No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 permits exempted"
(Multi-unit residences on the corners are considered as Hilgard address and other multi-unit residences on this block are not eligible Annual or Guest permits, BUT are eligible for up to 6 Visitor Permits per BUILDING STRUCTURE if block of Hilgard is posted, otherwise no Visitor Permits either. Single family residences on the block are allowed 3 Annual Permits, 2 Visitor Permits, and unlimited Guest Permits.)

No PPD No. 35 signs posted
(Multi-unit residences on the corners are considered as Hilgard address, and all multi-unit residences on this block are not eligible for Annual or Guest permits, BUT qualify for up to 6 Visitor Permits per BUILDING STRUCTURE if "No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 permits exempted" is posted on the block, otherwise no Visitor Permits either. Other single family residences on the block are allowed 3 Annual Permits, 2 Visitor Permits only if the block is posted with PPD No. 35 signs (otherwise none), and unlimited Guest Permits.)

No PPD No. 35 signs posted
(Residents do not qualify for Annual or Guest permits, BUT can qualify for up to 6 Visitor Permits per BUILDING STRUCTURE if block is posted with "No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 permits exempted", otherwise no Visitor Permits either.)

NOTE:

"No Parking Anytime; Vehicles with District No. 35 Permits Exempted" is the only authorized parking restriction for this District.

