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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Temp. PPD No. 161 (CD 5)

DATE: January 31, 2011

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

FROM: Amir Sedadi, Interim General Manager
Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (NO. 161) NORTH OF HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR 12 MORE MONTHS (C.F. NO. 10-0099)

RECOMMENDATIONS for Council action:

1. FIND that the renewal of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 161, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) 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. FIND that the parking problems that led to the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 161 still exist and that no permanent solutions are available to be implemented at this time.

3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION renewing Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 161, for 12 more months, until February 5, 2012, pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the L.A.M.C.

DISCUSSION:

On February 5, 2010, the City Council adopted the Resolution Establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 161 in Council District 5 (CF 10-0099). The District is currently due to expire on February 5, 2011. Councilmember Koretz of CD 5 a sent letter (copy attached) to the Department acknowledging that the problems that led to the establishment of Temporary PPD No. 161 still exist and that there seemed to be no other permanent solutions to these problems that could be implemented at this time, other than the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 161. A map of the Temporary PPD proposed for renewal is attached.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has the authority, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d, to establish Temporary PPDs by resolution "to provide relief for residents who suffer an excessive parking impact ... as the result of any conditions which impact fewer than six blocks and which, in the judgment of the Council member of the District and after consultation with the Parking Administrator, deserve immediate relief until a permanent solution can be found". Temporary PPDs are limited in duration to a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval of the resolution. Temporary districts may be renewed on an annual basis by resolution until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist.

The proposed renewal of Temporary PPD No. 161 would restrict parking in a five-block or smaller area for another 12 months, until February 5, 2012. Because this is a renewal and continues the on-going limitations and usage, DOT has concluded that the proposed renewal of Temporary PPD No. 161 will not significantly impact the environment. In light of changes to the CEQA Guidelines, which became effective March 18, 2010, parking is subject to a Class 1 Categorical Exemption. It has been determined that parking constitutes a social and not an environmental impact. Because of the existing parking in the area and the fact that this renewal "involves negligible or no expansion to existing use", the renewal of the district falls within the Class 1 Categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines and of the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III, 1.a.3.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the additional cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing Temporary Preferential Parking Districts No. 161. Furthermore, the City may gain additional revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violator's of the District's Parking restrictions.

COORDINATION:

Councilmember Koretz has requested the renewal of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 161 to provide continued relief to the residents of this PPD from the adverse parking impact they were experiencing prior to the establishment of this District.

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Attachments

RESOLUTION

RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (NO. 161) NORTH OF HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR 12 MORE MONTHS

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2004, the Council adopted a Resolution establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 161, which was subsequently renewed and expanded, and is currently due to expire on February 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Koretz believes that the conditions that originally justified this Temporary PPD, which included regular intrusion of vehicles associated with the Hamilton High School, still exist, and no other viable measure to resolve the resulting parking intrusion into the neighborhood is available; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Koretz has requested the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 161 to provide continued relief to the residents of the District from the adverse parking impact they were experiencing prior to the establishment of the District; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d authorizes Temporary PPDs to be renewed on an annual basis by resolution until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist.

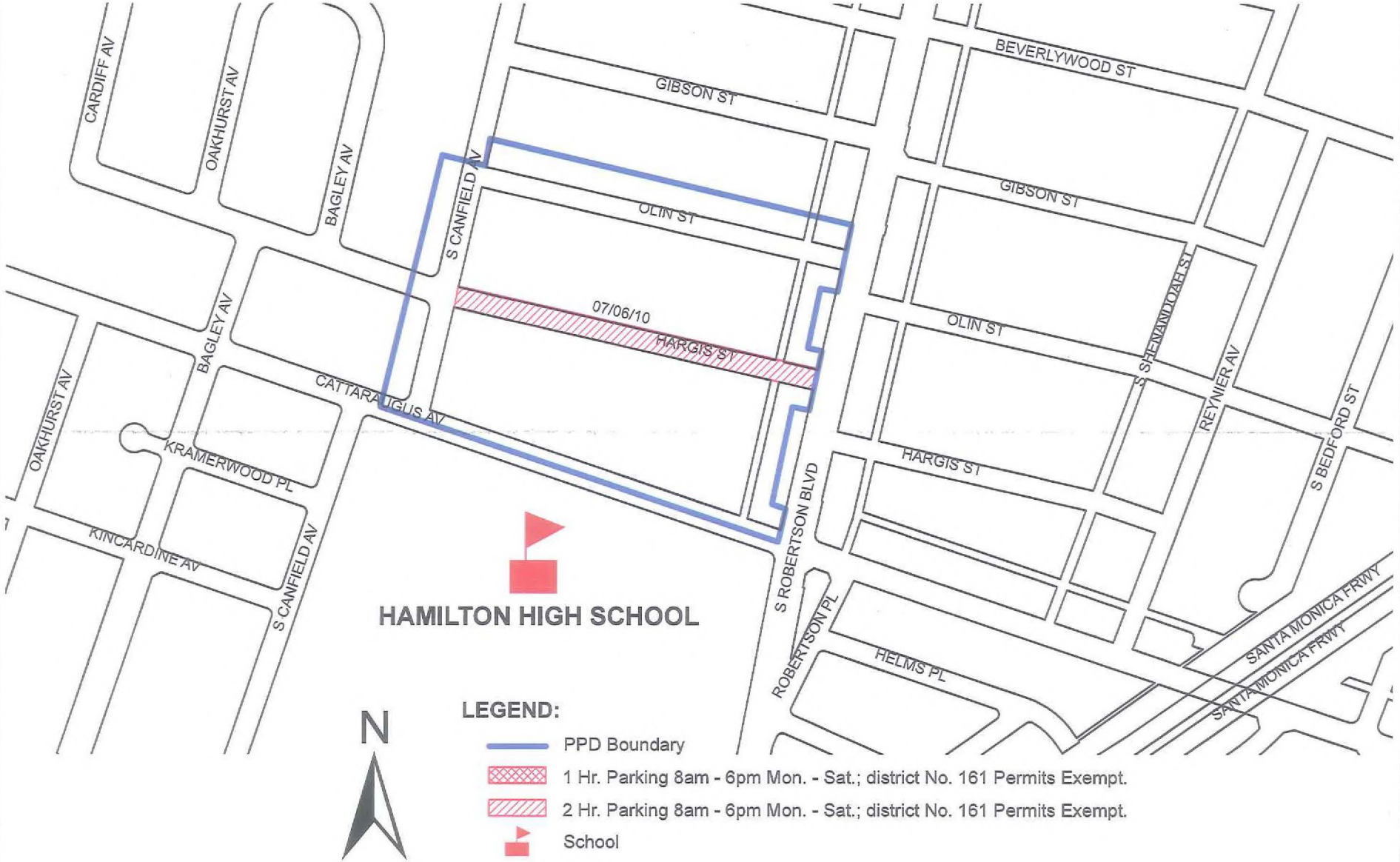
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d hereby renews Temporary PPD No. 161 for an additional 12 months until February 5, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of Temporary PPD No. 161 remain unchanged.

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 161

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January 26, 2011

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Dear Mr. Sedadi:

RE: REQUEST FOR RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT TO BOUNDARIES OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (#161)

On February 5, 2010, the City Council established Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 161 for the Hargis Street Area North of Hamilton High School to address the situation where the residents of north side of Cattaraugus Avenue between Robertson Boulevard and Canfield Avenue, Canfield Avenue between Cattaraugus Avenue and Hargis Street, Hargis Street between Robertson Boulevard and Canfield Avenue, Canfield Avenue between Hargis Street and Olin Street, and Olin Street between Robertson Boulevard and Canfield Avenue north of the Hamilton High School experienced the daily intrusion of employees, students, parents, and visitors of the school who park in front of the residents' homes. This situation adversely impacted the residents' ability to access their driveways or park in front of their properties, disrupted trash pick-up and street cleaning services.

Without the Temporary Preferential Parking District, this situation which resulted in an excessive parking impact upon the residents of this street would certainly return as the conditions that brought about the establishment of this District still exist in this neighborhood. At this time there does not seem to be any other permanent solution to this problem other to renew this Temporary Preferential Parking District for an additional year.

I support the continued posting of either of the following authorized restrictions: "1 HR. PARKING 8AM - 6PM MON. - SAT.; DISTRICT NO. 161 PERMITS EXEMPT" or "2 HR. PARKING 8AM - 6PM MON. - SAT.; DISTRICT NO. 161 PERMITS EXEMPT" for all five blocks in the defined boundaries of PPD 161.

Since the current Temporary Preferential Parking District expires until February 5, 2011, I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the process to renew this Temporary Preferential Parking District for an additional year. If you have any questions, please contact David Giron of my staff at (310) 289-0353.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Koretz

PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

c: LADOT Parking Permits Division, Stop 735-04