# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Temp. PPD Nos. 54 & 58 (CD 11), 66 & 79 (CD 4), 83 & 96 (CD 13)

DATE:

July 11, 2006

TO:

The Honorable City Council

c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall

Attention: Honorable Wendy Greuel, Chair, Transportation Committee

FROM:

Gloria J. Jeff, General Manager

Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF SIX TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING

DISTRICTS (NOS. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 AND 96) FOR 12 MORE MONTHS

**UNTIL AUGUST 18, 2007,** 

C.F. NOS. 03-0426, 03-0427, 02-1920, 03-1244, 04-1464, 02-14-12 06-1637

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS** for Council action:

- 1. FIND that the renewals of Temporary Preferential Parking District Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) Section 80.58.d, are 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 the parking problems that led to the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96 still exist and that no permanent solutions are available to be implemented at this time.
- 3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying SIX RESOLUTIONS renewing Temporary Preferential Parking District Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96 for 12 more months, until August 18, 2007, pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the L.A.M.C.
- 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:**

Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) Nos. 54 and 58 in Council District 11, Nos. 66 and 79 in Council District 4, and Nos. 83 and 96 in Council District 13 are all currently due to expire on August 18, 2006. Councilmember Rosendahl of CD 11,

Councilmember LaBonge of CD 4 and Councilmember Garcetti of CD 13 sent letters (copies attached) to the Department acknowledging that the problems that led to the establishment of Temporary PPD Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96 still existed 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 Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96. Maps of the Temporary PPDs proposed for renewal are 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 judgement 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.

Each of the proposed renewals of Temporary PPD Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96 would restrict parking in a five-block or smaller area for another 12 months, until August 18, 2007. Because of the limited size of the Temporary PPDs and the duration of the renewals, DOT has concluded that the proposed renewals of Temporary PPD Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96 will not significantly impact the environment. Therefore, the renewal of each of these districts 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."

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There are currently over 100 preferential parking districts citywide that require a staff of approximately 15 DOT employees to: 1) process requests for new districts and modifications to new districts, 2) install and maintain signs, and 3) enforce the preferential parking restrictions. The total cost of the Preferential Parking Program during FY 2005-06 is estimated at \$1.85 million, but the Department estimates that only \$1.2 million in General Fund revenue will be received from the annual sale of over 195,000 Preferential Parking Permits. The adopted budget for FY 06-07 directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance increasing all preferential parking permit fees by 50 percent to raise them to a level sufficient to fully recover the costs of operating the Preferential Parking Program.

Once the Council approves the ordinance increasing preferential parking permit fees, the additional cost of implementing, administering and enforcing Temporary Preferential

Parking District Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96 will be covered by the revenue from the sale of permits for these Districts. Furthermore, the City may gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the Districts' parking restrictions.

#### COORDINATION:

Councilmembers Rosendahl, LaBonge and Garcetti have requested the renewals of Temporary Preferential Parking District Nos. 54, 58, 66, 79, 83 and 96 to provide continued relief to the residents of these PPDs from the adverse parking impact they were experiencing prior to the establishment of these Districts.

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**Attachments** 

# RESOLUTION

RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 83 NEAR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - KAISER PERMANENTE AREA.

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2000, the Council adopted a Resolution establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 83, which was subsequently renewed and is currently due to expire on August 18, 2006, and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Garcetti has determined that the conditions that originally justified the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 83, which include the daily intrusion of non-resident parkers caused by the closure of hospital parking lots due to major construction at Children's Hospital and Kaiser Permanente Hospital regularly precluding the homeowners from parking in front of their own homes, still exist, and no permanent solution to resolve the resultant parking shortage in the neighborhood is available; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Garcetti has requested the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 83 to continue providing relief to the residents of this District from the adverse parking impacts they were experiencing prior to the establishment of this District; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d authorizes Temporary Preferential Parking Districts 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 renews Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 83 for another 12 months until August 18, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 83 remain unchanged.



June 15, 2006

PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Gloria J. Jeff General Manager Department of Transportation 100 S. Main Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Jeff:

RE: REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (#83)

On July 20, 2005, the City Council renewed a Temporary Preferential Parking District for both sides of Maubert Avenue between Vermont Avenue and Rodney Drive to address the situation where the neighborhood surrounding the Children's Hospital/Kaiser Permanente/Vermont-Sunset Metro Rail Complex is bearing the brunt of a dramatic increase in the demand for parking from patrons and transit users of these new facilities. These adjacent neighborhood streets are used for parking instead of very limited off-street parking facilities which are temporarily affected by construction activities. The homeowners are regularly precluded from parking in front of their own homes. Without the Temporary Preferential Parking District, this situation resulted in an excessive parking impact upon the residents of this street, from which immediate relief was sought.

Those conditions still exist in this neighborhood. Until the major hospital re-construction activities are completed, there does not seem to be any other permanent solution to this problem other than the continuation of the Temporary Preferential Parking District. I support the continued posting of "2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM to 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, NO PARKING 8 PM to 8 AM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT #83 PERMITS EXEMPTED" parking restrictions; which are posted for both sides of the street on Maubert Avenue between Vermont Avenue and Rodney Drive.

Since the current Temporary Preferential Parking District expires on August 18, 2006, and the problems that justified its implementation still exist, I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the renewal process for this Temporary Preferential Parking District for one more year. If you have any questions, please contact Baydsar Thomasian of my staff at (323) 913-4693.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ERIC GÁRCETTI

President, Los Angeles City Council

Councilmember, 13th District

C: Brian Gallagher, LADOT East Valley Operations Division, Stop 728



