

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCETemp. PPD No. 137
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DATE: August 31, 2010

TO: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Bill Rosendahl, Chair, Transportation CommitteeFROM:  Rita L. Robinson, General Manager
Department of Transportation**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 137
FOR THE PICFAIR VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD SOUTH OF PICO
BOULEVARD AND THE AMENDMENT OF APPLICABLE PARKING
RESTRICTIONS, CF 08-2310****RECOMMENDATIONS** for Council action:

1. FIND that the renewal of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 137, 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 III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines).
2. FIND that the parking problem that led to the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 137 in the Picfair Village neighborhood, south of Pico Boulevard, in Council District 10 still exists and that no permanent solution has been found.
3. ADOPT the attached RESOLUTION renewing Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 137 for 12 more months, until September 19, 2011, pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the L.A.M.C.

DISCUSSION:

On September 19, 2008, the City Council adopted a Resolution (CF 08-2310) establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 137 for the Picfair Village Area south of Pico Boulevard (see attached map). In 2009, the City Council adopted a resolution authorized an additional restriction for use when it renewed the District.

Temporary PPD 137 is currently due to expire on September 19, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

On August 5, 2010, Councilmember Wesson sent a letter to DOT (copy attached) stating that the conditions that led to the establishment of Temporary PPD No. 137 still exist, indicating that there seemed to be no other viable measure to address the impacts, and requesting the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 137 for another year.

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

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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 this Temporary PPD would restrict parking in a five-block area for another 12 months. 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 See 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 PPD No. 137. Furthermore, the City may gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the District's parking restrictions.

COORDINATION

Councilmember Wesson, Council District 10, and his staff have consulted with DOT regarding the parking problem in the Picfair Village neighborhood, south of Pico Boulevard, and they have concluded that preferential parking remains the best possible solution to address the residents' parking concerns at this time. In his letter submitted to DOT, Councilmember Wesson indicates that the residents of these blocks deserve continued relief from their present parking problems until a permanent solution can be found; therefore, he has requested the renewal of Temporary PPD No.137 and has further requested that an alternative parking restriction be made available for use of the residents.

Attachments

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RESOLUTION

RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 137 FOR THE PICFAIR VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD SOUTH OF PICO BOULEVARD AND THE AMENDMENT OF APPLICABLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2008, the Council adopted a Resolution (C.F. 08-2310) establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 137; which is currently due to expire on September 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Wesson has determined that the conditions that originally justified this Temporary PPD; which include regular intrusion of vehicles associated with customers and employees of nearby businesses on Pico Boulevard, and that no other viable measure to resolve the resulting parking shortage in the neighborhood is available; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Wesson has requested the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 137 for 12 more months 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

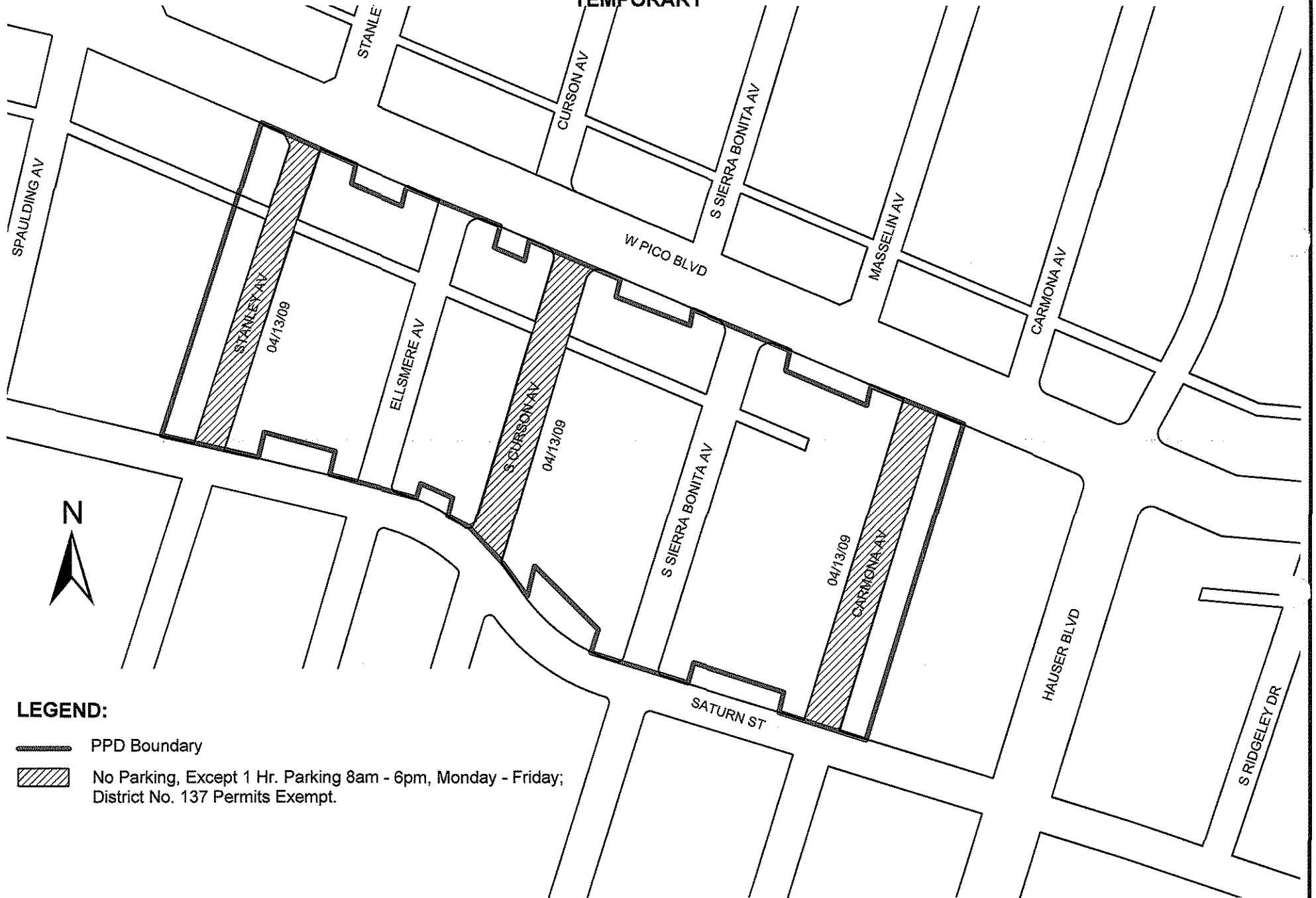
WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d authorizes Temporary PPDs to be renewed on an annual basis by resolution until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d hereby renews Temporary PPD No. 137 for an additional 12 months until September 19, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of Temporary PPD No. 137 remain unchanged.

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 137

COUNCIL DISTRICT 10
WESTERN ENFORCEMENT
TEMPORARY



LEGEND:

- PPD Boundary
- No Parking, Except 1 Hr. Parking 8am - 6pm, Monday - Friday;
District No. 137 Permits Exempt.



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT

August 5, 2010

Ms. Rita L. Robinson, General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Robinson:

**REQUEST FOR RENEWAL – PICFAIR VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD
TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT #137**

On September 19, 2008, the City Council adopted the Resolution establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District 137, for the Picfair Village Neighborhood southwest of the intersection of Pico Boulevard and Hauser Boulevard, in the 10th Council District, to address their issues related to a lack of on-street parking due to non-resident vehicles associated with the nearby businesses on Pico Boulevard. In addition to the parking impact in the neighborhood due to the lack of customer and employee parking for the businesses on Pico Boulevard, problems of excessive noise, blocked driveways, littering, and interference with trash pick-up have also been reported.

Since the current Temporary Preferential Parking District expires on September 19, 2010, and the problems that justified implementation of the District 137 still exist, I support the continued posting of either of the following restrictions for both sides of the residential frontage of any street within this district: “No Parking; except 2 Hour Parking, 8 AM to 6 PM; Monday to Friday; District No. 137 Permits Exempt”, or “No Parking; except 1 Hour Parking, 8 AM to 6 PM; Monday to Friday; District No. 137 Permits Exempt.”

Furthermore, I do not request any change to the boundaries of this district which is comprised of the following street segments:

- Carmona Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Saturn Street
- Sierra Bonita Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Saturn Street
- Curson Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Saturn Street
- Elsmere Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Saturn Street
- Stanley Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Saturn Street