

Proposal for Restricted Parking and Street Cleaning Signage on Adams Blvd. between Vermont and Normandie Avenues, and Restricted Parking on Commercial Part of Van Buren Place Running South from Adams

Submitted by the Adams Normandie Neighborhood Association and the Van Buren Place Community Restoration Corporation

We are writing on behalf of the Adams Normandie Neighborhood Association and the Van Buren Place Community Restoration Corporation, block clubs bridging Adams Blvd. east of Normandie Ave. These are the principal community organizations for the area from the 10 Freeway to 29th Street and from Normandie to Vermont in South Los Angeles.

We are requesting three parking changes on Adams Blvd and an occasional process to this portion of Adams for an all day no parking and tow those vehicles which do not comply. The details follow.

1. The Problem.

These seven blocks, for a generation, have been the most neglected portion of Adams Blvd. For many years this part of a major Los Angeles commercial street, as there are no parking restrictions, has been mainly used to store unused cars and trucks. There is no regular street cleaning, there is a great deal of accumulated trash.

The short commercial portion of Van Buren Place running south from Adams has a 5-unit mini-mall on the west and a church on the east. Here there is signage for street cleaning, but no daily restriction. Six or seven cars and trucks are permanently parked. Their owners do move them back and forth across the street for street cleaning, but otherwise never drive them. Here, some form of parking restriction would free up space for patrons of the mini-mall and church.

2. New Developments.

For some 50 years there was little or no development on this neglected part of Adams. This began to change with the city's approval in 2017 of a new gas station and 7-11 on the northeast corner of Adams and Normandie. Now, major new development is underway. No less than five new multistory apartment houses are being built. Two are completed, one has construction in progress, and two more are in the permit stage. These new buildings under current code are all required to have commercial storefronts on the ground floor. Their tenants will also draw increased traffic to the existing stores and restaurants on this part of Adams. Yet street parking is almost entirely occupied by semi-abandoned vehicles, where piles of street trash discourage potential customers.

The new apartments will total 93 units, all facing Adams Blvd. This number understates the number of expected tenants. 1421 W. Adams, already completed and occupied, comprises 45 units, some of which have 5 bedrooms and will be rented by the room. 2600 S. Catalina (now renting) and 1500 W. Adams (in the permit stage) between them have 31 units, all either 2 or 3 bedrooms. Both are owned by Tripalink and will be rented by the room for a potential residence of 75 or 80. The total likely number of residents of the 5 buildings is about 250 people.

As none of the finished or planned buildings provide the full amount of expected parking by their tenants, we expect intense competition for the 100 available street spaces in this 7-block stretch of Adams. The neighborhood residents are at a disadvantage, faced with vehicles that never move.

We conducted a survey May 15-19, and found 21 vehicles on this stretch of Adams with expired tags or no tags or plates (see table below). With no regulation of parking, the *status quo* favors the many stored, unused vehicles to the detriment of neighborhood residents. The table summarizing the survey is attached below, along with some photos of typical vehicles which do not move. It should be noted that the table only focuses on illegal vehicles, not vehicles which use Adams Blvd and Van Buren Place for street storage.

3. First Proposal—4 Hour Weekday Parking and Regular Street Cleaning

We are requesting signage for four-hour parking, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays, plus street cleaning, on the seven-block stretch of Adams Blvd. between Vermont and Normandie Avenues, as well as limited parking on the 140-foot commercial stretch of Van Buren Place running south from Adams Blvd. (where there is already street cleaning signage).

4. Sharing Precious Parking Spaces Will Work.

We understand that this means no one can park on this part of Adams all day, except on Saturday and Sunday. But making cars move makes it possible for the two groups of users, those currently parking and the new apartment dwellers, to share precious parking spaces. For anyone who works anywhere, or attends USC during the day, 4-hour parking gives them a good late start in the morning and allows others to use the spots later in the day.

Daily freeing up many parking spaces for some period of time will greatly favor the many small stores and restaurants, almost none of which have off street parking of their own for customers.

Finally, forcing cars to move will help reduce car storage, accumulated trash, and generally make the neighborhood more appealing. Adding street cleaning will also help our community keep curbs and gutters clean of trash.

This is currently already done on the three adjacent and nearby major north-south streets, Hoover, Vermont, and Normandie, as well as on the east-west Jefferson Blvd., the next major commercial street parallel to Adams to the south.

5. Second Proposal—Post and Tow.

One quick option has been suggested by a DOT traffic officer. We have been told that on south Western Avenue residents coordinate with DOT to post a one-day sign: No Parking 6:00 am to 6:00 pm for a specific day. On that day DOT provides officers and tow trucks and tows every vehicle that violates the restricted parking sign. The practice of posting and towing seems extreme, but ticketing would be a good solution to our problem. We have been told that the residents on Western repeat the postings about once a month.

7. Community Support for These Proposals.

Approval for new signage in Los Angeles requires an application to the Department of Transportation from the local City Council office, in our case, CD8, headed by Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson. His North Area Field Deputy, Gandhi Diaz, attended a May 2 joint meeting of the ANNA and Van Buren block clubs and pledged to support the neighborhood residents' unanimous proposal. We also received a supportive letter May 2 from CD8 Transportation Deputy Akinyele Turner. We are hereby requesting that CD8 proceed to work with DOT to secure new signage for this part of Adams Blvd. and the north section of Van Buren Place.

Make, Model	Plate No.	Address	Comments
Adams South Side			
White Ford Escape	8BDT311	1514 W Adams	Tags: Feb 2023
White Toyota Previa	5GTY503	1514 W Adams	No tags
Blue GMC Custom PU w/White Top	8WQS988	1576 W Adams	Tags: Dec 2022
Blue SUV*	No Plates	Adams @ Raymond	No Plates, Looks Abandoned
Black Silverado PU*	2798F3	Adams @ Raymond	Expired Plates, Looks Abandoned
White Ford 250	93198K1	1616 W Adams	Tags: Aug 2022
Adams North Side			
Dark purple sedan	6ZRL936	1421 W Adams	Tags: Mar 2023
Dark silver KIA	6GYS405	1421 W. Adams	Tags: Feb 2023
Silver Toyota pickup	4S08798	1421 W. Adams	Tags: Oct 2022
White KIA sedan	8ZQU724	1449 W. Adams	Tags: Jan 2023
White Acura	5HBH609	1475 W. Adams	Tags: Mar 2023
Dark gray Honda SUV	No plates	1503 W. Adams	No plates
Silver Toyota Previa	4WCW245	1631 W. Adams	Tags: Mar 2023
Ford Escape	5AMF453	1631 W. Adams	Tags: Jan 2018
White Olds Cutlass	3WJX825	1631 W. Adams	Tags: month illegible, 2022, Looks Abandoned
Blue Hyundai sedan	6STV916	1649 Adams	Tags: Jun 2022
Silver Toyota Rav	4YFZ015	1649 Adams	Tags: July 2022
Gray Lexus	5WUX259	1681 W. Adams	Tags: Mar 2022 looks abandoned
Dutch Star RV	4PUT186	1655 W. Adams	Tags: Month illegible 2023 Plus large packing crate hut on sidewalk.
Van Buren Place, North of Fence			
Green Ford F150	6N67940	E. side Van Buren south of Adams	Tags, Expired Plates, 2021
Heavily graffitied Ford truck	Arizona R5A2B2A	2605 Van Buren Place	Here for a few years, illegal to not have Calif. plates
*Moved since listed here			



Ford Escape, 5AMF453, 1631 Adams.
Tags: Expired since Jan 2018



Heavily graffitied Ford truck. 2605 Van Buren.
Arizona plates: R5A2B2A. Cal. Veh. Code
§ 4000.4: Must register in 20 days. Truck has
ben here for several years.



Toyota Previa minivan, 5GTY503,
1514 W. Adams. No tags



Dutch Star RV, 4PUT186, 1655 W. Adams.
Tags: Month illegible 2023. Large wooden
crate on sidewalk has curtain over open
side facing RV.



Olds Cutlass (last made in 1999), 3WJX825,
1631 W Adams, Tags: Month illegible, 2022



Honda SUV, 1503 Adams, No plates

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