



# City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

February 1, 2011  
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-HOUR TRUCK PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRIFFITH STREET FROM 225 FEET TO 375 FEET WEST OF MAIN STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE "NO PARKING ANY TIME" SIGNS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRIFFITH STREET ALONG THE EASTERN SEGMENT OF THE BLOCK WHERE THE STREET HAS BEEN WIDENED**

Submitted by M. Victor Rollinger  
Development Services General Manager

Approved by Clifford W. Graves  
Interim City Manager

## **I. SUMMARY**

A request was submitted by Page One Automotive for the installation of a one-hour truck parking zone on Griffith Street west of Main Street (Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2). Page One Automotive is located at 125 West Griffith Street on the north side of the street. The Carson Municipal Code prohibits truck parking on all streets except at locations that are posted to allow truck parking, or if the truck is actively being used to deliver / pick-up goods or provide a service at a property on the block where the vehicle is parked. It has been reported by Page One Automotive that the current truck parking restrictions create operational hardships because trucks that periodically deliver and pick up automobiles are being cited while temporarily parked in front of the business. The requested one-hour truck parking zone would provide truck drivers the opportunity to legally park on the street for a short period of time while conducting business. After monitoring the location, staff concurs with the request and recommends installing a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of Griffith Street across from 125 West Griffith Street (Exhibit No. 3). It is also recommended that the "No Parking Any Time" signs be removed from the north side of Griffith Street on the eastern half of the block where the street is 40 feet wide.

## **II. RECOMMENDATION**

TAKE the following actions:

1. AUTHORIZE the provision of a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of Griffith Street from 225 feet to 375 feet west of Main Street.
2. AUTHORIZE the removal of the "No Parking Any Time" signs from the north side of Griffith Street west of Main Street along the eastern segment of the block where the street has been widened.
3. DIRECT the Development Services Work Group to post the appropriate truck parking signs and to remove the affected "No Parking Any Time" signs.

**III. ALTERNATIVES**

1. DENY the request to provide a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of Griffith Street and/or to remove the “No Parking Any Time” signs from the north side of Griffith Street.
2. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

**IV. BACKGROUND**

The Carson Municipal Code prohibits truck parking on all public streets except at locations that are posted to allow truck parking, unless the truck is actively being used to deliver/pick up goods or provide a service to a nearby property (Exhibit No. 4). There are two types of locations that are eligible for truck parking signs. The first category allows parking for up to 72 hours to accommodate resident truck drivers who need to park their truck overnight. The second category allows for one-hour truck parking and is typically located in the vicinity of restaurants to accommodate drivers who wish to eat in Carson. A map showing the existing on-street truck parking zones throughout Carson is attached (Exhibit No. 5). These truck parking zones are posted at locations that will not create adverse safety or traffic operational impacts.

A request was submitted by Page One Automotive to install a truck parking zone on Griffith Street west of Main Street. Truck drivers temporarily park on Griffith Street prior to driving onto the property or to occasionally unload an automobile for delivery to Page One Automotive. The parked trucks have received citations for parking on a public street, which is illegal unless a truck parking zone has been posted.

Griffith Street is an industrial street that extends west from Main Street and intersects with Broadway and Figueroa Street. The segment of Griffith Street where Page One Automotive is located is wide enough to accommodate truck parking (40 feet from curb to curb) without resulting in any significant operational or safety issues. If a truck parking zone is installed, it would be positioned so as to avoid conflicts or visibility restrictions at driveways or intersections.

After reviewing the request and monitoring the current traffic and roadway conditions, staff has concluded that it would be acceptable to install a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of Griffith Street west of Main Street where there are no driveways. The truck parking zone would be across the street from the Page One Automotive property, which is located on the north side of the street at 125 West Griffith Street. The north side of the street would not be suitable for a truck parking zone because it has driveways and low trees. Signs would be installed at each end of Griffith Street informing truck drivers that truck parking is illegal in Carson except in designated truck parking zones.

While staff was monitoring the location for the truck parking request, it was observed that the north side of Griffith Street is posted with “No Parking Any Time” signs. This parking restriction was needed in the past because Griffith Street was previously too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides of the street. As the eastern half of the block has been widened to 40 feet (curb to curb), the parking restriction is no longer necessary. It is recommended, therefore, that the signs be removed so that parking would be legal on the north side of the street along the widened segment. The “No Parking Any Time” signs would remain in place on the western segment of the block where the street is narrow, plus a 100-foot transitional area along the widened street segment. The removal of the “No Parking Any Time” signs would provide a convenient parking location for visitors of the businesses that are located on the north side of Griffith Street. Currently, visitors have to park on the south side of the street and cross the street to gain access to the businesses. Signs would be installed at both ends of the Griffith Street block to inform truck drivers that it is illegal to park trucks in Carson except at designated truck parking zones.

The recommendation to install a truck parking zone on the south side of Griffith Street and to eliminate the “No Parking Any Time” signs from the north side of Griffith Street was approved by the Public Works Commission on December 13, 2010 (Exhibit No. 6).

**V. FISCAL IMPACT**

The estimated cost of installing the proposed truck parking signs and removing the “No Parking Any Time” signs is \$400.00. Funds are available in the adopted FY 2010/11 Public Works Sign Maintenance budget in account no. 01-80-840-083-8028.

**VI. EXHIBITS**

1. Location Map. (pg. 5)
2. Letter from Page One Automotive requesting a truck parking zone. (pg. 6)
3. Schematic of proposed action. (pg. 7)
4. Excerpt of the City of Carson Municipal Code, Section 3254.2, Truck Parking. (pg. 8)
5. Map of Existing Truck Routes and Parking Areas. (pg. 9)
6. Minutes, December 13, 2010, Item No. 7(a). (pg. 10)

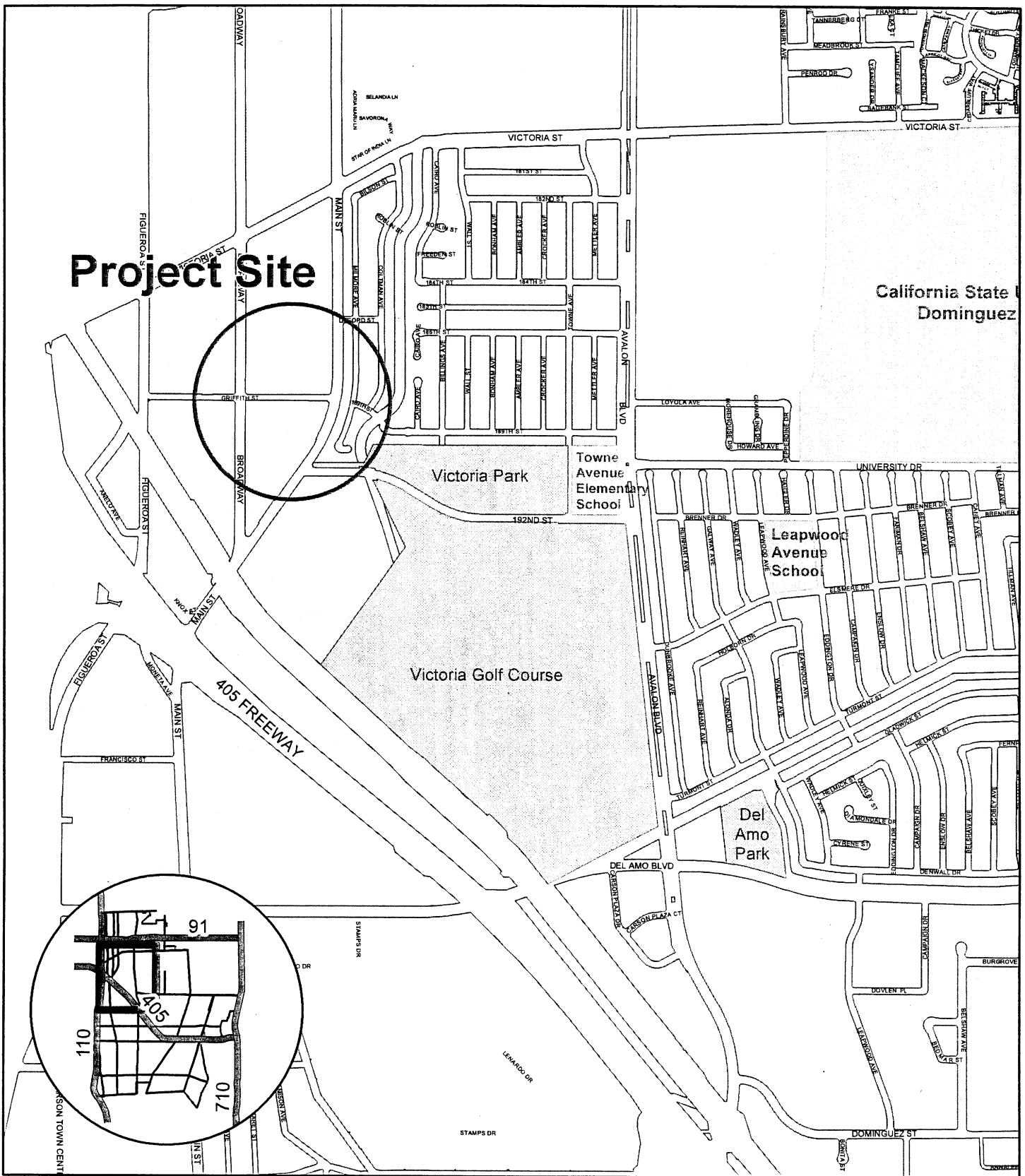
Prepared by: Richard Garland, Traffic Engineer  
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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Development Services
Economic Development Services	Public Services

**Action taken by City Council**

Date _____	Action _____



**Project Site**

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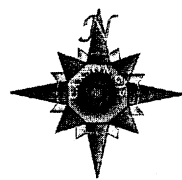
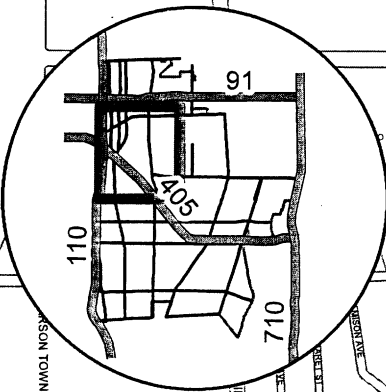
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Leapwood Avenue School

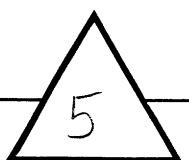
Victoria Golf Course

Del Amo Park

405 FREEWAY



**Location Map  
Griffith Street  
West of Main Street**



**EXHIBIT NO. 1**

**page one**

December 2, 2010

Mr. Richard Garland  
Traffic Engineer  
City of Carson  
701 E Carson Street  
Carson, CA 90745

Dear Mr. Garland:

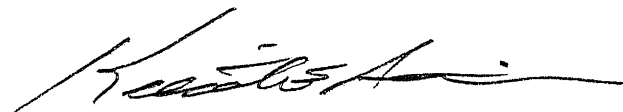
I spoke with Rita in your office yesterday and she suggested that I contact you. We would like to have you put our request on the agenda for the upcoming Public Works meeting this month.

We have just moved into the city of Carson and we support the automotive industry in the area of marketing. We are located just off Main St. at 125 W. Griffith St. As such, we get deliveries and send automobiles out several times a week. It has come to our attention that several Transport carriers have been given tickets while picking up or delivering vehicles to us. We are requesting a 1 hour truck parking zone on W. Griffith just off of Main Street.

I would like to request that a representative from your office arrange a time to come out and meet with us prior to the next Public Works meeting so that this request can be expedited. Please contact me directly at (310) 993-8328.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

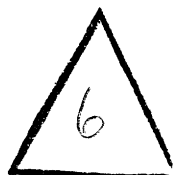
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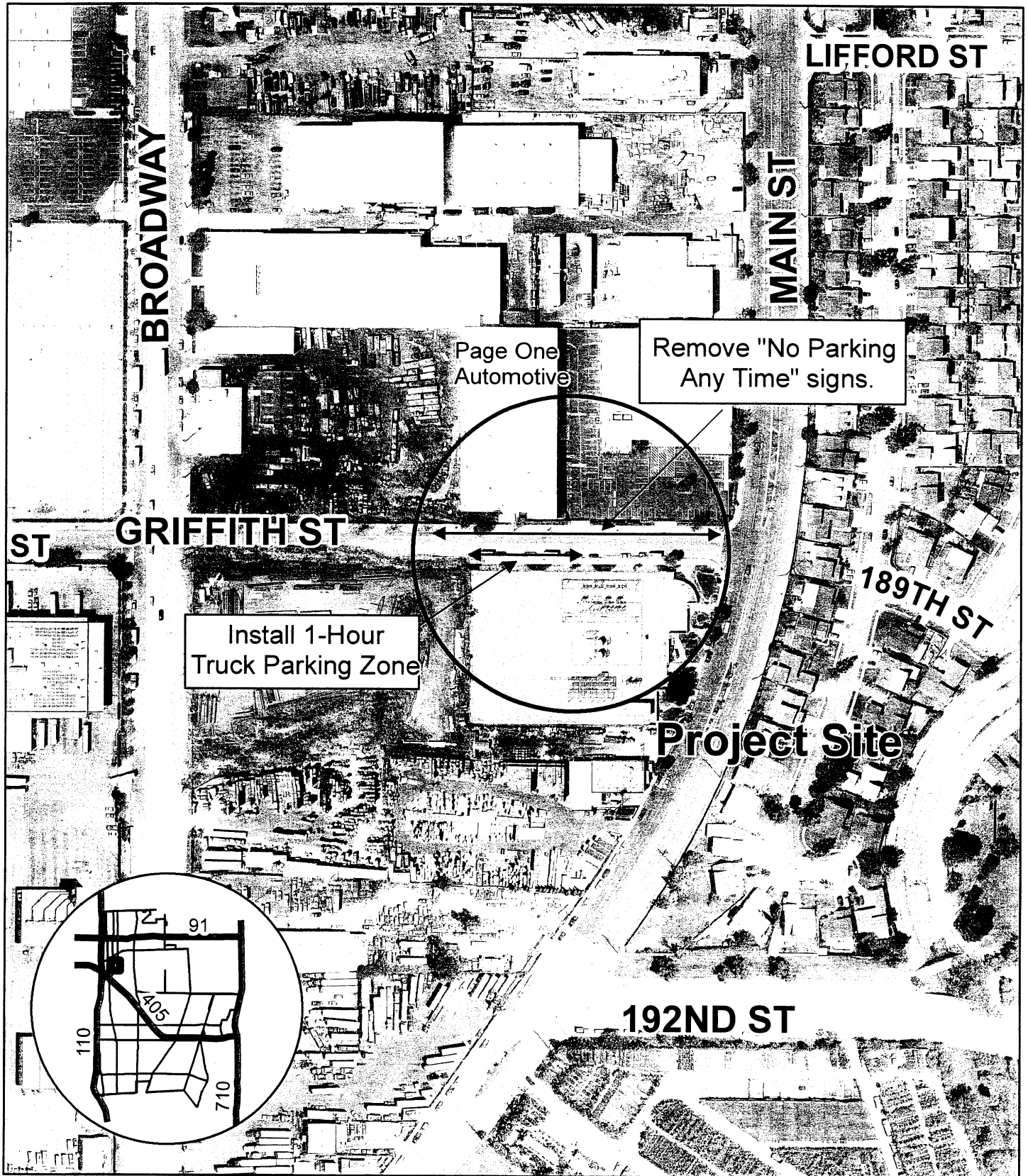



Keith Attarian  
Page One Automotive

Page One Automotive, 125 W. Griffith Street, Carson, CA 90248  
Phone: 310.400.3480/Fax: 310.400.3484

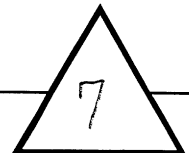
EXHIBIT NO. 02






**Proposed Truck Parking Zone and  
Removal of "No Parking Any Time" Signs  
Griffth Street West of Main Street**

**EXHIBIT NO. 3**



**EXCERPT FROM THE CITY OF CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE**

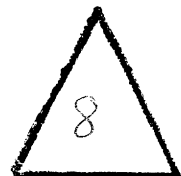
**§ 3254.2 Truck Parking.**

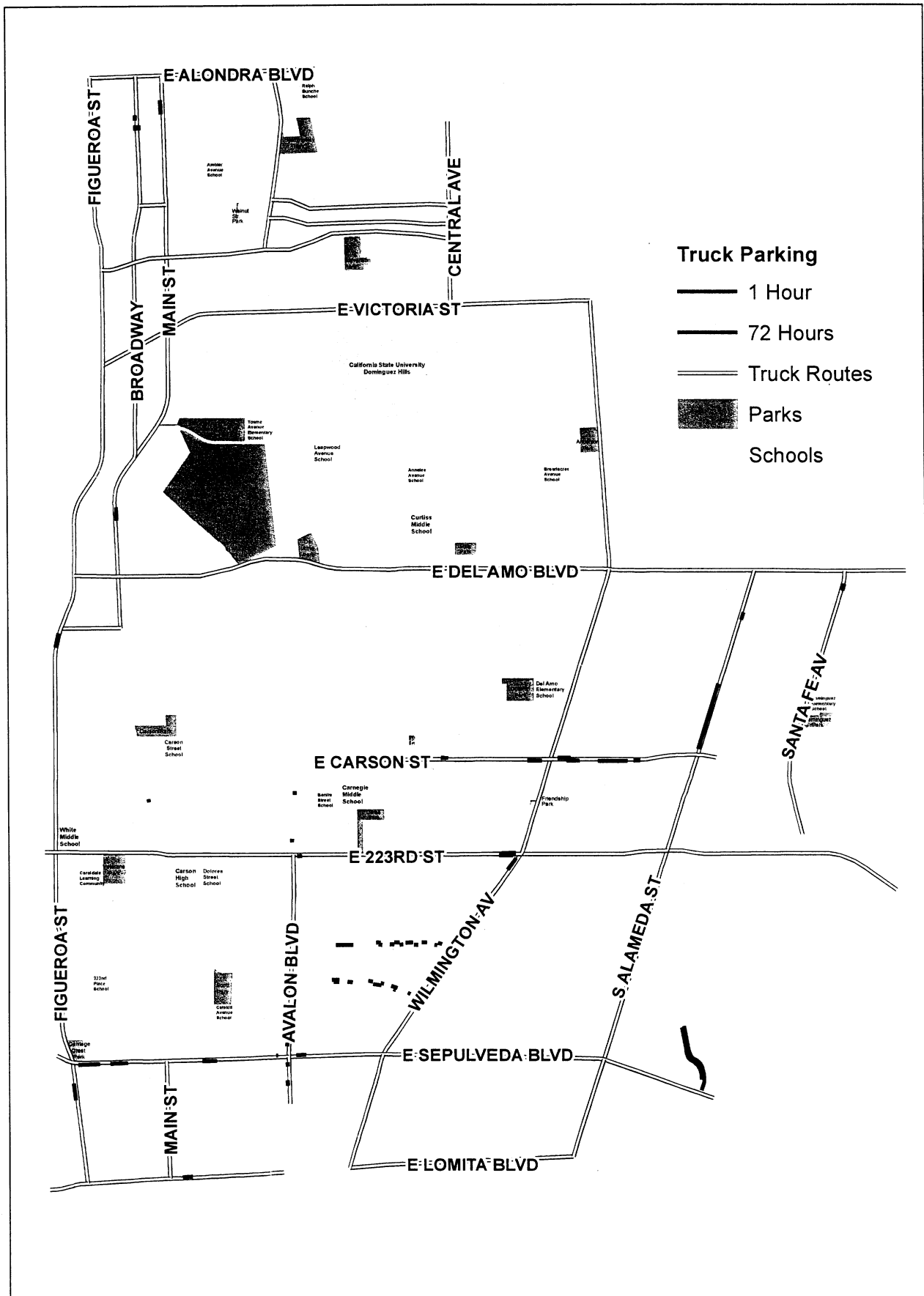
The parking of any commercial vehicle with a gross weight of over six thousand (6,000) pounds, length of over twenty-five (25) feet, or width of over ninety-six (96) inches (total outside width of vehicle or load or combined) is prohibited at all times on any street in the City of Carson except:






(a) At locations and for the time period authorized by City Council and posted by the Public Works Director;

(b) For such time as is reasonably necessary to deliver to or collect goods from or provide a service to a property in the block in which the vehicle is parked. At locations where parking of commercial vehicles with a gross weight of over six thousand (6,000) pounds is permitted overnight, illuminated clearance lights or safety reflectors must be provided and utilized. (Ord. 92-969, § 1; Ord. 05-1334, § 1)

**EXHIBIT NO. 4**



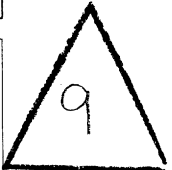


- Truck Parking**
-  1 Hour
  -  72 Hours
  -  Truck Routes
  -  Parks
  -  Schools



City of Carson

**Existing Truck Routes and Parking Areas**



**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM NO. 7(a):      REQUEST FOR ONE-HOUR TRUCK PARKING ZONE – GRIFFITH STREET WEST OF MAIN STREET**

RECOMMENDATION for the commission:

That the Public Works Commission recommends that the City Council authorize the installation of signs designating a one-hour parking zone on the south side of Griffith Street west of Main Street and that the City Council authorize the removal of the "No Parking Any Time" signs from the north side of Griffith Street along the eastern segment of the block where the street has been widened.

**ACTION:** On motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Tingson, the recommendation that the City Council authorize the installation of signs designating one-hour truck parking zones on the south side of Griffith Street east of Main Street and that the City Council authorize the removal of the "No Parking Any Time" signs from the north side of Griffith Street along the eastern segment of the block where the street has been widened was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:            Brown, Johnson, and Tingson  
Noes:            None  
Abstain:        None  
Absent:         Cottrell and Thompson

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Keith Attarian of Page One Automotive was in attendance and stated his reasons for requesting the one-hour truck parking zone; i.e. that the company needed to have a location for trucks to legally park for a short duration while delivering and picking up automobiles.

