



# City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

March 16, 2011  
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-HOUR TRUCK PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF BROADWAY FROM 140 FEET TO 210 FEET NORTH OF GRIFFITH STREET**

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Approved by Clifford W. Graves  
Interim City Manager

## **I. SUMMARY**

A request was submitted by Ideal Metals for the installation of a one-hour truck parking zone on the east side of Broadway north of Griffith Street in front of their facility at 18700 South Broadway (Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2). 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 Ideal Metals that the current truck parking restrictions create operational hardships because trucks that periodically deliver and pick-up materials 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 east side of Broadway north of Griffith Street in front of 18700 South Broadway.

## **II. RECOMMENDATION**

TAKE the following actions:

1. AUTHORIZE the provision of a one-hour truck parking zone on the east side of Broadway from 140 feet to 210 feet north of Griffith Street.
2. DIRECT the Development Services Work Group to post the appropriate truck parking signs.

## **III. ALTERNATIVES**

1. DENY the request to provide a one-hour truck parking zone on the east side of Broadway north of Griffith Street.
2. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

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**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. 3). 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. 4). These truck parking zones are posted at locations that will not create adverse safety or traffic operational impacts.

A request was submitted by Ideal Metals to install a truck parking zone on the east side of Broadway north of Griffith Street in front of their facility at 18700 South Broadway. Truck drivers temporarily park at this location prior to driving onto the property. The parked trucks have received citations for parking on a public street, which is illegal unless a truck parking zone has been posted.

This segment of Broadway is a four lane industrial street that is wide enough to accommodate truck parking 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 east side of Broadway north of Griffith Street in front of the Ideal Metals property. The recommendation to install a truck parking zone at this location was approved by the Public Works Commission on February 14, 2011 (Exhibit No. 5).

**V. FISCAL IMPACT**

The estimated cost of installing the proposed truck parking 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. 4)
2. Letter from Ideal Metals requesting a truck parking zone. (pg. 5)
3. Excerpt of the City of Carson Municipal Code, Section 3254.2, Truck Parking. (pg. 6)

- 4. Map of Existing Truck Routes and Parking Areas. (pg. 7)
- 5. Minutes, February 14, 2011, Item No. 7(a). (pg. 8)

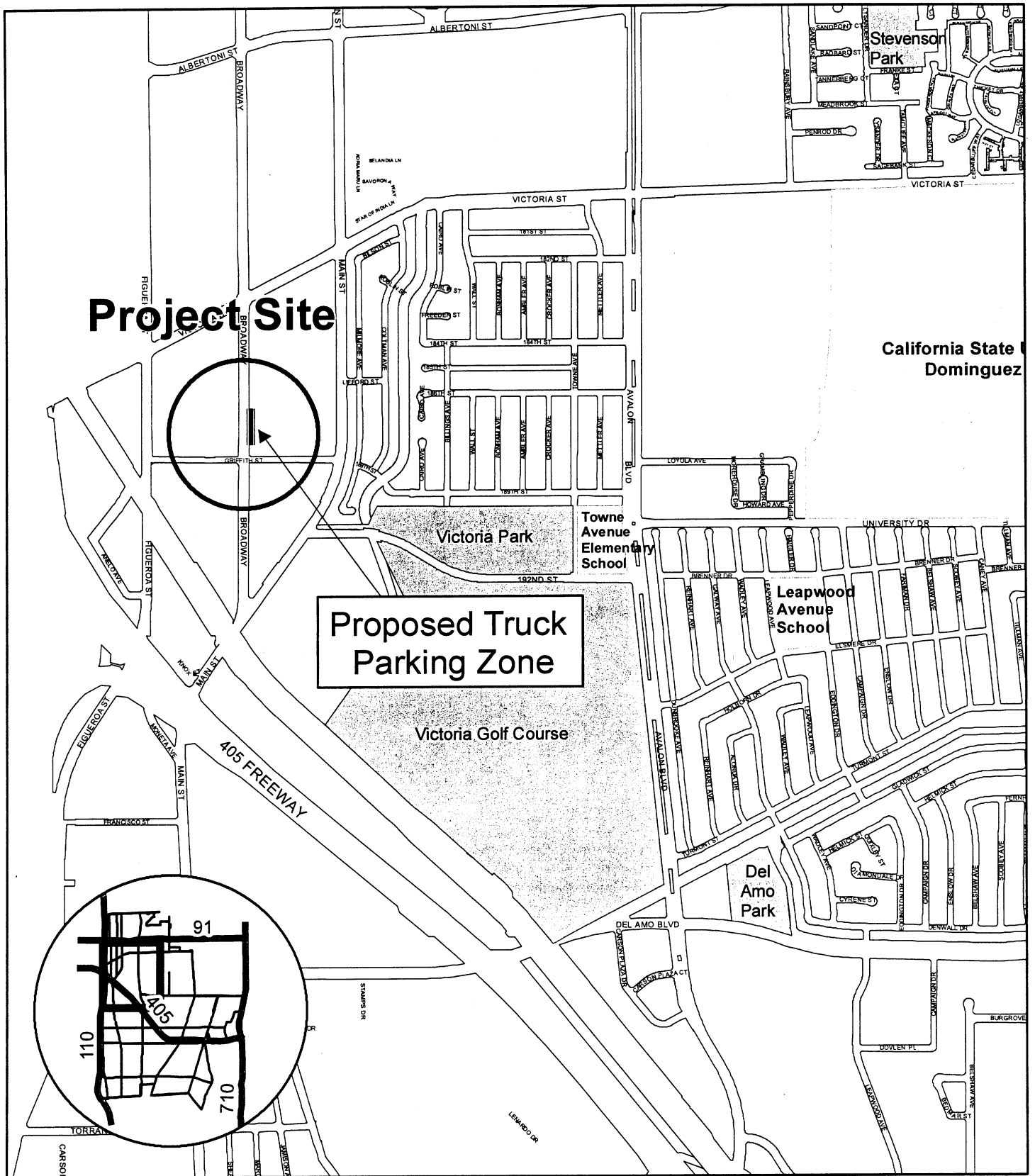
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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	<u>City Treasurer</u>
<u>Administrative Services</u> 	<u>Development Services</u>
<u>Economic Development Services</u>	<u>Public Services</u>

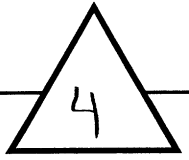
<b>Action taken by City Council</b>	
Date _____	Action _____



**Project Site**

**Proposed Truck Parking Zone**

**Location Map  
Proposed Truck Parking Zone  
Broadway North of Griffith Street**



**EXHIBIT NO. 1**

From: ricktuch@ca.rr.com  
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 3:04 PM  
To: Richard Garland  
Subject: Truck parking

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your time this morning.

I am requesting that a one hour truck parking zone be implemented in front of our business, Ideal Metals - 18700 S. Broadway Gardena, CA 90248.

We are in a commercial area and on some occasions need to park outside our facility while moving equipment around.

We are on the east side of Broadway and the corner of Griffith St..

If you need more information, I can be reached @ 310 324-1191

Thank you,

Richard "Rick" Tuch  
President



EXHIBIT NO. 02

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

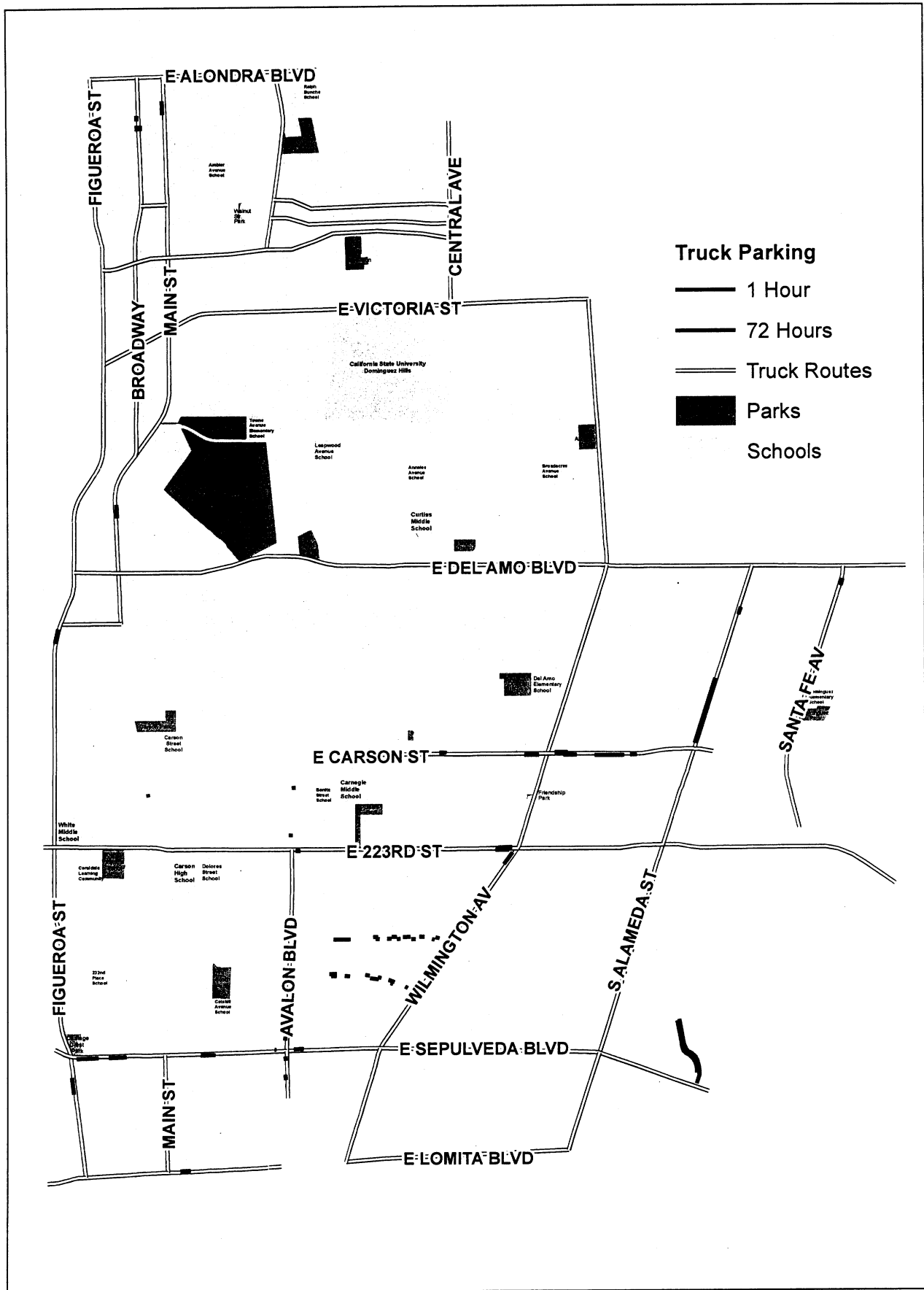
**§ 3254.2 Truck Parking.**






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)





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



City of Carson

**Existing Truck Routes and Parking Areas**



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**ITEM NO. 7(a):      REQUEST FOR ONE-HOUR TRUCK PARKING ZONE – 18700  
                                 BROADWAY AT GRIFFITH – IDEAL METALS**

RECOMMENDATION for the commission:

That the Public Works Commission recommends that the City Council authorize the installation of signs designating a one-hour truck parking zone on the east side of Broadway north of Griffith Street.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Tingson, the recommendation that the City Council authorize the installation of signs designating a one-hour truck parking zone on the east side of Broadway north of Griffith Street was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

