

IV. BACKGROUND

The Carson Municipal Code (Section 3254.2) 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. The one-hour truck parking zones have also been installed in industrial areas to accommodate drivers waiting to enter an industrial property. 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 DMF Lighting to install a truck parking zone on the south side of 223rd Street east of Edgar Street in front of their facility at 1118 East 223rd Street (Exhibit No. 5). The building is occupied by DMF Lighting as well as Pacer International, which leases part of the building. 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 established.

This segment of 223rd Street is a four lane industrial street that is wide enough to accommodate truck parking without resulting in any significant operational or safety issues. The south side of 223rd Street in this study area is currently posted with signs that state "No Stopping Any Time," although a one-hour truck parking zone is currently in place on the south side of 223rd Street immediately east of Avalon Boulevard. 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 223rd Street east of Edgar Street in front of the DMF Lighting property. The recommendation to install a truck parking zone at this location was approved by the Public Works Commission on July 11, 2011 (Exhibit No. 6).