



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

August 2, 2011
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A ONE-HOUR TRUCK PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 223RD STREET FROM 210 FEET TO 420 FEET EAST OF EDGAR STREET (AT 1118 EAST 223RD STREET)

Submitted by M. Victor Rollinger
Development Services General Manager

Approved by Clifford W. Graves
Interim City Manager

I. SUMMARY

A request was submitted by DMF Lighting for the installation of a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of 223rd Street east of Edgar Street in front of their building at 1118 East 223rd Street. The location of the requested truck parking zone and an aerial photograph showing the existing conditions are attached (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, unless 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 DMF Lighting 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 south side of 223rd Street east of Edgar Street in front of 1118 East 223rd Street.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. AUTHORIZE the provision of a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of 223rd Street from 210 feet to 420 feet east of Edgar Street (at 1118 East 223rd 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 south side of 223rd Street east of Edgar Street.
2. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

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).

V. FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the proposed truck parking signs is \$400.00. Funds are available in the adopted FY 2011/12 Public Works Sign Maintenance budget in account no. 01-80-840-083-8028.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Location Map. (pg. 4)
2. Aerial photo of existing conditions. (pg. 5)
3. City of Carson Municipal Code, Section 3254.2, Truck Parking. (pg. 6)
4. Map of Existing Truck Routes and Parking Areas. (pg. 7)
5. Letter from DMF Lighting requesting a truck parking zone. (pg. 8)
6. Public Works Commission meeting minutes, July 11, 2011, Item No. 7(b). (pg. 9)

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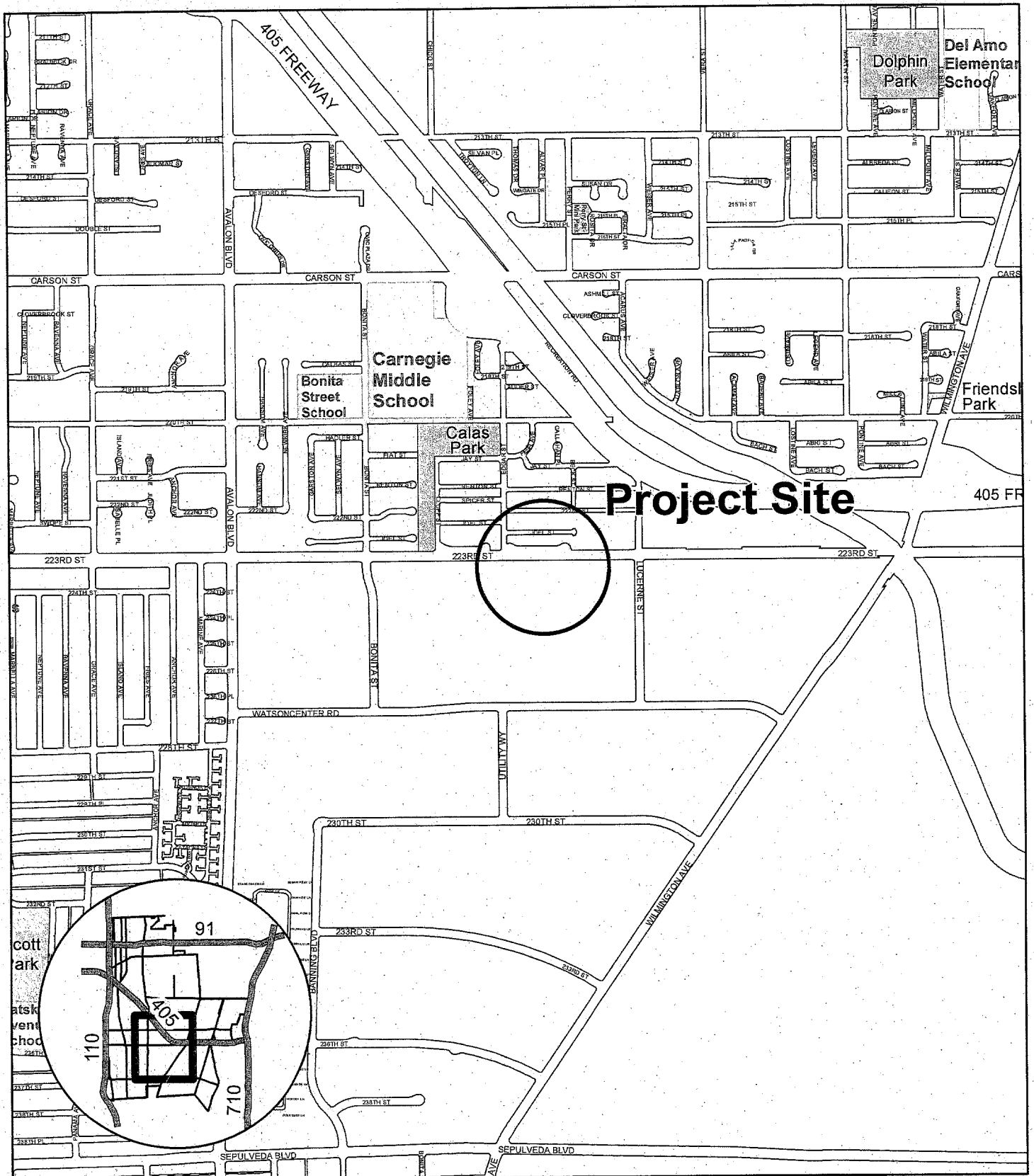
Prepared by: Richard Garland, Traffic Engineer
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Reviewed by:

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

Action taken by City Council

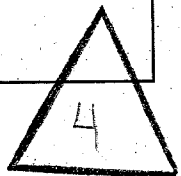
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**Location Map
Truck Parking on 223rd Street**



EXHIBIT NO. 1



EXCERPT FROM THE CITY OF CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE

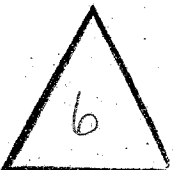
§ 3254.2 Truck Parking.

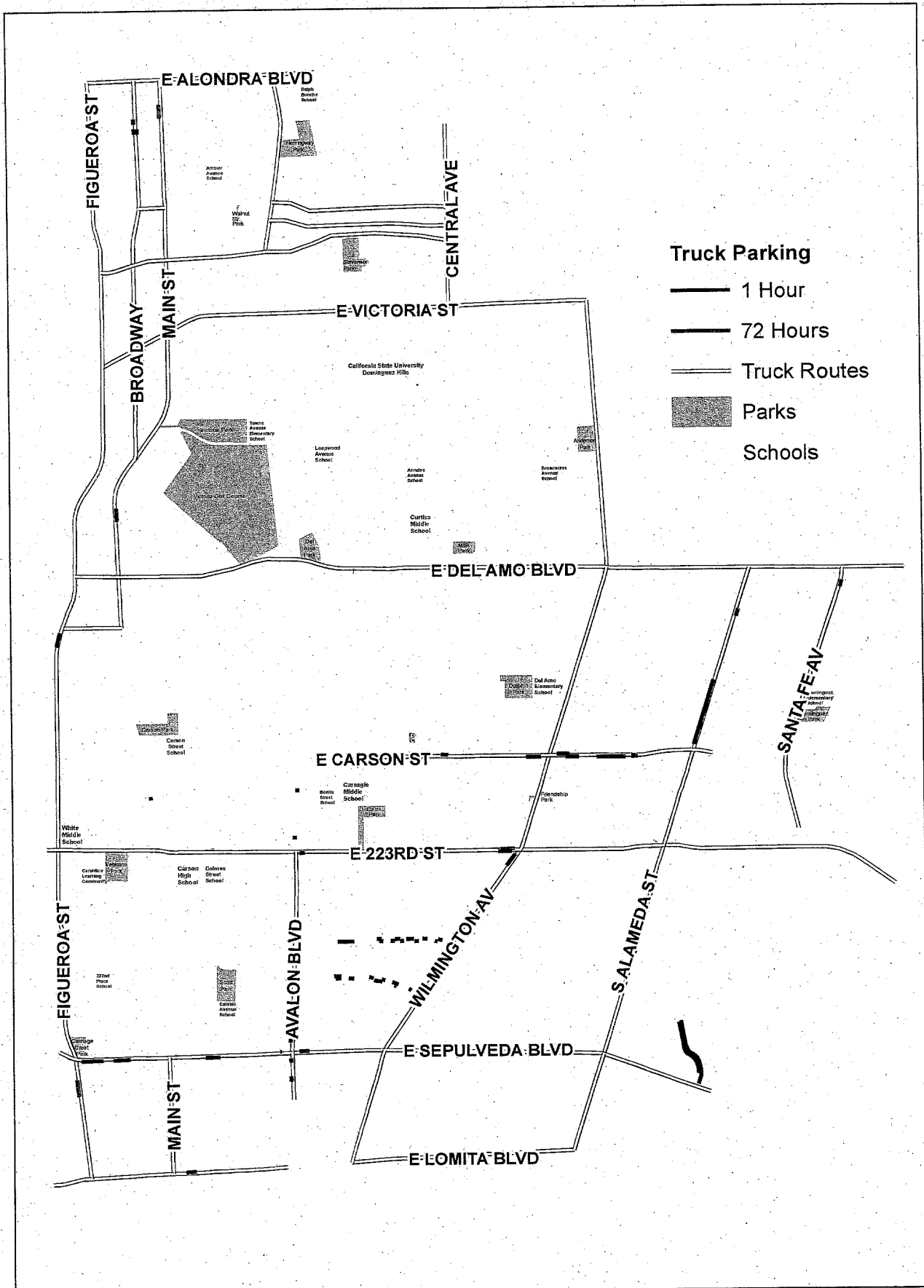
The parking of any commercial vehicle with a gross weight of over six thousand (6,000) pounds, length of over twenty-five (25) feet, or width of over ninety-six (96) inches (total outside width of vehicle or load or combined) is prohibited at all times on any street in the City of Carson except:


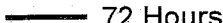



(a) At locations and for the time period authorized by City Council and posted by the Public Works Director;

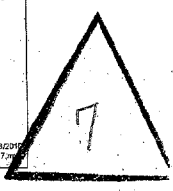
(b) For such time as is reasonably necessary to deliver to or collect goods from or provide a service to a property in the block in which the vehicle is parked. At locations where parking of commercial vehicles with a gross weight of over six thousand (6,000) pounds is permitted overnight, illuminated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

EXHIBIT NO. 3





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



June 13, 2011

Attn: Richard Garland, P.E.
Traffic Engineer
Development Services – Engineering Division
City of Carson
701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

Cc: Reata Kulcsar – Senior Engineering Technician

Dear Mr. Garland,

With reference to our meeting with Ms. Kulcsar today, we are submitting our request to secure a ONE HOUR TRUCK PARKING permit in our property with address and information below:

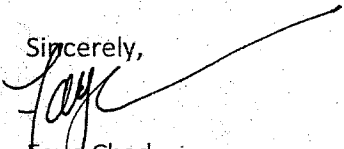
DMF Lighting
1118 E. 223rd Street
Carson, CA 90745

Property Lessee: PACER International

As you know Pacer is in logistics business, and they get high volume movement of trucks and containers. This parking permit will surely be a great help to us. Please let us know when we could come in to personally submit our request to your committee and offices. Attached photos for your reference.

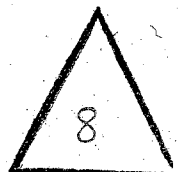
Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Faye Chad
Vice President
DMF Lighting

EXHIBIT NO. 05



ITEM NO. 7(b): REQUEST FOR ONE-HOUR TRUCK PARKING ZONE – 1118 EAST 223RD STREET – DMF LIGHTING

RECOMMENDATION for the commission:

That the City Council authorize the installation of signs designating a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of 223rd Street in front of the DMF Lighting building at 1118 East 223rd Street.

ACTION: On a motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Fa'avae, the recommendation that the City Council authorize the installation of signs designating a one-hour truck parking zone on the south side of 223rd Street in front of the DMF Lighting building at 1118 East 223rd Street was approved and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Fa'avae, Johnson, Thompson, and Tingson
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Harris

Public Comments:

Mr. Mark Danesh and Mrs. Fariba Danesh, owners of DMF Lighting, were in attendance and stated their reasons for being in favor of a one-hour truck parking zone.

