



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

Item No. _____

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Modify or Remove Existing Parking Restriction Signs along 4360 E. Washington Boulevard and Install Red Curb in front of Washington Boulevard near Ash Street

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the request to modify or remove the existing parking restriction signs along 4360 E. Washington Boulevard and to install a red curb in front of Washington Boulevard near Ash Street, in order to facilitate parking and traffic conditions.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Martín Corona and Mr. Rosendo Corona, proprietors of *Mechanic's Trailer & Lift Gate Repairs, Inc. (Mechanic's)*, located along 4360 East Washington Boulevard in the City of Commerce, brought to Staff's attention the difficulty experienced by its employees and clients to find adequate parking within and around its facility due to the lack of public parking imposed by the existing parking restriction signs along Washington Boulevard.

In particular, the proprietors' concerns affect their business operations as their employees cannot park in front of Washington Boulevard at all times. Since the street was widened, during the Washington Boulevard improvement project in 2014–15, new parking restriction signs were installed to help the free flow of traffic along the street during peak morning and afternoon rush-hour traffic. However, this action has made the parking of their employees' vehicles more difficult since the operations of the business run early in the morning and throughout most of the day.

Both Mr. Martín and Rosendo Corona have appealed to the Traffic Commission and to the City Council in May 2019 to have staff investigate the situation.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on July 10, 2019, the Traffic Commission recommended the modification or removal of the existing NO PARKING restriction signs along Washington Boulevard from Ash Street to Arrowmill Avenue and to install a 10-foot long red curb in front of the fire hydrant along Washington Boulevard, near Ash Street.

ANALYSIS:

On June 2019, Public Works staff visited the site and has completed its analysis regarding the parking issue along Washington Boulevard at *Mechanic's*.

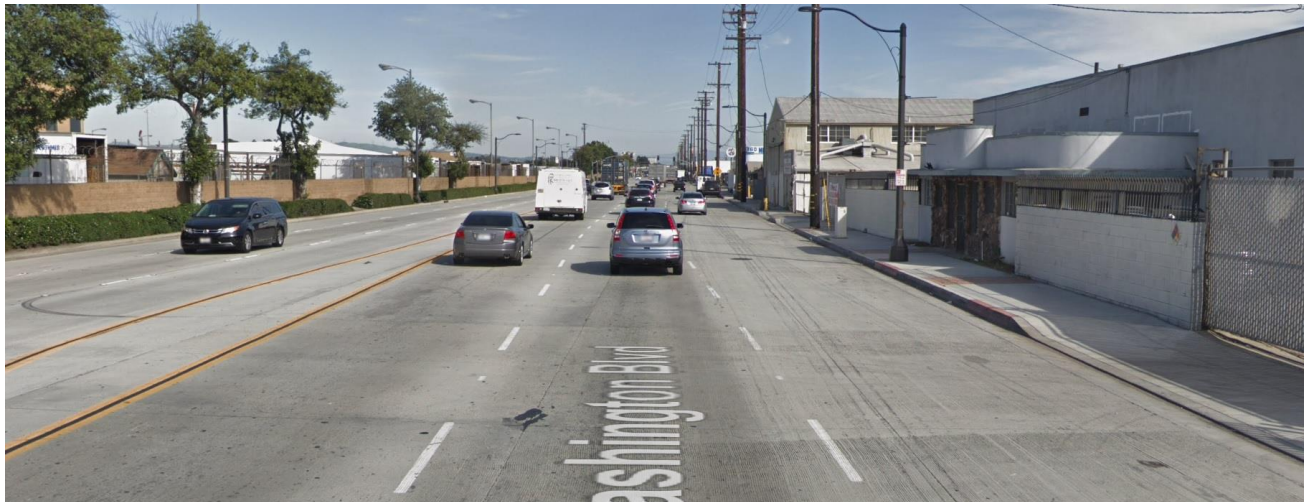
Vehicles that park along Washington Boulevard between Ash Street and Arrowmill Avenue are primarily congregated around the businesses that include *Mechanic's* and *HP Communications*. Please see below:



Location of Mechanic's Trailer & Lift Gate Repair and HP Communications

In order to remedy the situation, staff proposes that the existing parking enforcement signs be modified or removed. Currently, the existing four (4) signs prohibit parking between the hours of 7 AM to 9 AM and from 4 PM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday, in order to allow more driving space for commuters during morning and afternoon rush hour traffic.

Upon inspection, Staff has determined that the travel lane along Washington Boulevard closest to the curb, adjacent to *Mechanic's* and *HP Communications*, was widened and is currently wide enough to accommodate both parking and free flow traffic. Please see below:

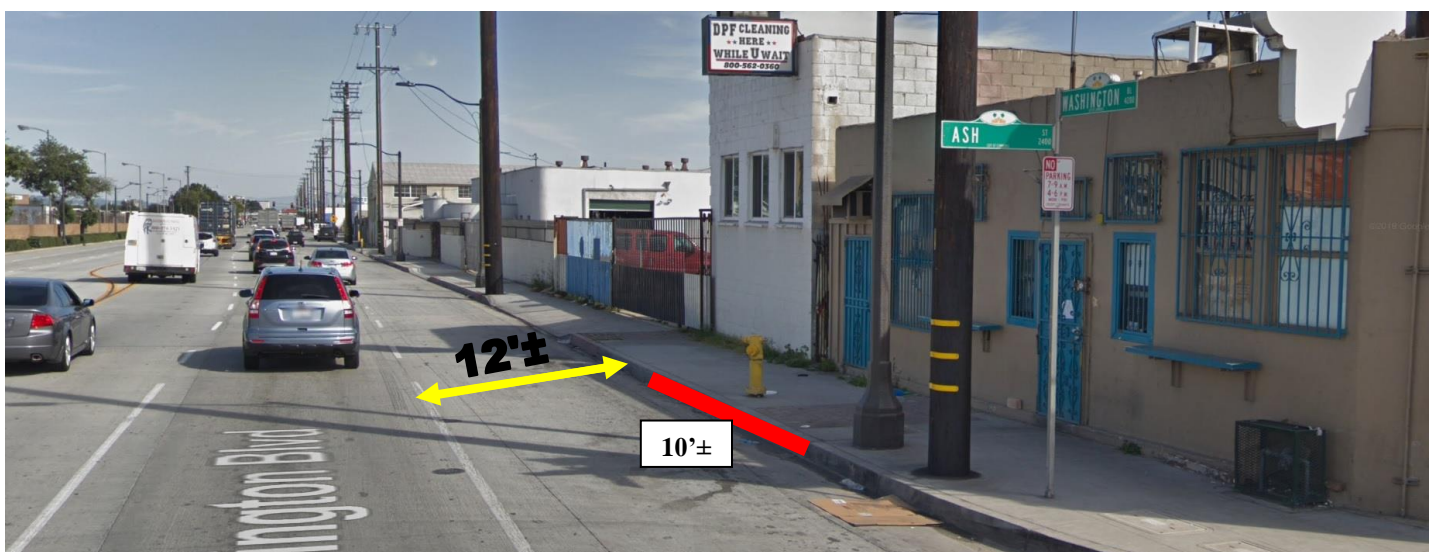


Shifting and Widening of Travel Lanes along Washington Boulevard

The travel lane closest to the curb measures approximately 20-feet in width, which is more than adequate to accommodate both parked vehicles and moving traffic. However, near the intersection of Ash Street and Washington Boulevard, the width is smaller, measuring approximately 12-feet. For this area, Staff recommends that the curb be painted red approximately 10-feet in length in front of Washington Boulevard near Ash Street, which is also justifiable, given that there exists a fire hydrant in that vicinity and also traffic mobility will be enhanced. Please see below:



Lane Width Transitions and Proposed Red Curb Marking



Fire Hydrant and Red Curb Justification at Ash St. & Washington Blvd.

By modifying or removing the existing parking enforcement signs along Washington Boulevard between Ash Street and Arrowmill Avenue, this will provide extra needed parking for the businesses without affecting the safety of oncoming traffic. The above exhibits clearly show that the lane widths are adequately wide enough for vehicles to park and for commuters to travel through eastbound Washington Boulevard.

The proposed installation of the single red curb of approximately 10-feet in length along Washington Boulevard, near Ash Street, will allow drivers to traverse through the travel lane without obstruction. In addition, the existing fire hydrant is another reason to have this portion of the curb to be painted red.

The removal of approximately 10-lineal feet of parking does not significantly hinder the overall impact of parking availability. Parking is available throughout the length of Washington Boulevard and also along the nearby side streets.

Parking regulations and curb markings are guided by the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), the California Vehicle Code (CVC), and the City of Commerce Municipal Code (CMC).

Specifically, per CVC Sections 21458 and 21351 and per CMC Section 10.44.030, the City is authorized to place and maintain regulatory parking restriction signs and curb markings within the City, and also that the City Council by way of ordinance or resolution, through the authority of the City Administrator / Manager, City Engineer, or the Public Works & Development Services Director, may install parking restriction signs or paint regulatory curb markings.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Reject staff recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff estimates that the lump sum cost of modifying or removing the four (4) existing parking enforcement signs and also the painting of the 10-lineal feet of red curb near Washington Boulevard and Ash Street will be approximately \$5,000, including time, labor, and material. The Public Works Operations fund can adequately cover the estimated \$5,000 expense.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item relates to Council's 2016 Strategic Action Plan's:

Community Quality of Life

- Guiding Principle 4 to "support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities."

ATTACHMENT:

- Resolution

Approved by: Vilko Domic, Acting Public Works & Development Services Director

Fiscal Impact reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Director of Finance

Approved as to form by: Noel Tapia, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Manager