

CITY OF LAWNSDALE

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of March 21, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ahmad Ansari, Public Works & City Engineering Oversight Contract Project Manager called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Works Department Conference Room, 4722 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Lawndale, California.

Committee Members Present: Michael Reyes, Director of Municipal Services Supervisor; Jared Chavez, Manager of Community Development; Sargent Justin Smith, LASD; Ahmad Ansari, Public Works & City Engineering Oversight Contract Project Manager

Committee Members absent: None

Staff Present: Nick Petrevski, Associate Engineer
Violet Escobedo, Administrative Assistant
Yvette Gomez, Office Assistant

Public present: Nathan Kiatkulpi Boone, Harry Westerman

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

A. Proposed loading zone on the northwest corner of Hawthorne Blvd and 168th Street (16711 Hawthorne Blvd)

After presenting the item, Ahmad Ansari asked how many parking spaces the business has available on site for employees and how many employees they have per session.

Nathan Kiatkulpi Boone stated the South Bay Eats has eighteen parking spaces, eighteen operators on average (2 operators) per session. The volume of employees depends on the volume of orders. Employees are utilizing parking in the neighborhood for order pickups. By formatting a loading zone, it will alleviate parking in the neighborhood. Provided a map of Hawthorne Blvd & 168th Street elevations.

Mr. Reyes states parking enforcement is active in the proposed area. About 8-9 parking spaces can be lost, which could be a challenge for our residents. Changing the limited times would be an easier option. Parking enforcement will continue to patrol the area to enforce the two-hour parking zone. Hawthorne Blvd center median option is available.

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Nick Petrevski proposed the use of Hawthorne Blvd center median for temporary parking/loading. Business owner must contact the finance department to inquire about Hawthorne Blvd center median parking permit tags for employees.

Harry Westerman gave an overview of the business hours of 10:00 am -10: 00 pm. Peak times are 11:30 am to 2:00 pm for lunch, and 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm for dinner. Suggested signage for their drivers with designated parking areas in the back.

Jared Chavez suggests utilizing the rear parking on the property and Hawthorne Blvd center median to prevent drivers from parking in the neighborhood. The business can add signage on private property like other businesses in our city.

Nathan Kiatkulpiboone informed the Traffic Committee the parking lot is utilized for food equipment, storage, and loading.

Sargeant Smith has concerns, major changes merging from loading zones, he foresees accidents at the proposed location. Adjusting the times on Hawthorne Blvd would be an easier option. Hawthorne Blvd & 168th Street have a high accident rate, he can provide accident reports if needed.

Ahmad made the Motion to deny the proposed loading zone. With the first option to utilize Hawthorne Blvd center median, second option change the parking to a 10-minute zone, and the third option to shorten the time on 168th Street. All in favor motioned carried to meet again to discuss the outcome.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Public Works & City Engineering Oversight Contract Project Manager adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

/s/ Ahmad Ansari

Public Works & City Engineering Oversight Contract Project Manager

Attest:

/s/ Violet Escobedo

Violet Escobedo, Administrative Assistant
Public Works Department