

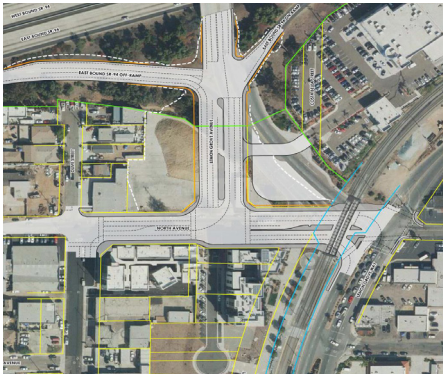
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## REALIGNMENT PROJECT COMPLETION



Aerial Photo: Realignment Project Plan

Reconfiguration of Lemon Grove Ave. and North near State Route 94, included new landscaping with new sidewalks creating an easy path between the Promenade Park, the Trolley, and North Avenue. All overhead utilities were undergrounded and improved stormwater treatment. With the final safety measures in place for the Lemon Grove Realignment Project., updated signage, signaling, and striping direct traffic in a manner designed to incorporate an essential right-of-way rail signaling system, street lights, and pedestrians. This highly complex project is critical for the residents of Lemon Grove, and the thousands of pedestrians that utilize the Orange Line Light Rail system in San Diego.

Traffic operations adjacent to railroad grade crossings is a very complex design that must incorporate train, vehicle, and pedestrian safety. Traffic signals are interconnected with train-activated warning systems at locations near North and Lemon Grove Ave. The State Public Utilities Commission and Federal Railroad standards outline specific guidelines for railroad crossings at traffic signal intersections. The normal operation of the traffic signals controlling the intersection should be “preempted” to operate in a special control mode when trains are approaching. When activated, strict guidelines dictate that a “track clearance interval must occur to clear any potential vehicle from the tracks upon the arrival of an approaching train. Once the track clearance is complete, the intersection transitions into “limited service”, where again, in the interest of safety the federal rail authority does not allow any vehicle movement that would send motorists towards the tracks, even with railroad gates down. Consequently, train approaches interrupt the normal cycling of the traffic signal at both Lemon Grove and North Ave intersections.

The City would like to thank all the residents, businesses, and motorists for their patience and understanding as city engineers worked to get the project within safety guidelines.



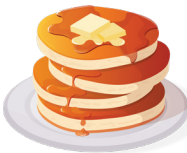
Photo: Metropolitan Transit trolley leaving the Lemon Grove Depot



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# Welcome to Lemon Grove Family House of Pancakes!



The City of Lemon Grove is proud to announce the opening of its newest breakfast hotspot, the Family House of Pancakes. The Family House of Pancakes is a family-owned business that aims to provide customers with delicious and high-quality breakfast and lunch options.

Tucked away at 8053 Broadway, The Family House of Pancakes boasts a charming, cozy, and welcoming atmosphere. Formerly located in National City, The Family House of Pancakes brings its signature pancakes to Lemon Grove and offers a diverse menu of breakfast options from sweet and savory crepes to fluffy

and delicious pancakes with a crispy exterior made from scratch.



In addition to pancakes, the menu also offers lunch and a premium selection of other breakfast favorites such as French toast, omelets, waffles, classic homestyle dishes and a selection of some of the best breakfast sandwiches in southern California. The food is cooked fresh to order, and the ingredients are of high quality. The staff is friendly and attentive, upbeat, and will often go out of their way to ensure that customers have a pleasant dining experience as food is served promptly and favorites are recommended and questions are encouraged.

The Family House of Pancakes, now at home in Lemon Grove, is a thrilling addition to the culinary scene in town offering delicious food, and a warm and welcoming staff. The prices are reasonable, making it an affordable option for families and individuals. If you are in search of a fluffy fix and a unique breakfast mix, then look no further than the Family House of Pancakes.

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# "IT'S LIKE PAINTING THE SURFACE OF THE MOON"

For many, the Lemon is a work of art, but for tourists, it presents the best opportunity for a selfie in the, "Best Climate on Earth". The public sculpture simply known as "the Big Lemon," has become a must see item in San Diego County and serves as a famous iconic symbol in the City of Lemon Grove.

The sizable fruit was originally built as a parade float on July 4, 1928 and later plastered before being placed upon an engraved concrete base reading, "The Best Climate on Earth."

Recently, the City's most sought-after landmark, the infamous sculpture became the target for vandalism prompting city officials to contact the original restoration artist and Lemon Grove resident, Mr. Steven Garcia. Mr. Garcia has lived in Lemon Grove since 1976 and has been active in the community for over 30 years as an artist and professional stuntman.

A skilled artist, Mr. Garcia approaches the project with a passion for painting and restoration. He relates, "Painting the Lemon is kind of like trying to paint the surface of the moon", as he skillfully applies a primer followed by the application of a rough surface painting tape to cover the lettering. He finishes the project with a coat of the iconic yellow that residents have come to know and love.



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-JULY 6        -AUGUST 3	AUGUST 11TH
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