



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

June 7, 2011
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR AB 1128 RELATING TO CREATING ADDITIONAL ROUTES FOR OVERWEIGHT TRUCKS

Submitted by Clifford W. Graves
Economic Development General Manager

Approved by Clifford W. Graves
Interim City Manager

I. SUMMARY

Assemblyman Warren Furutani is sponsoring AB 1128 to allow additional routes for overweight trucks in the city. The current route is only along Alameda St. Each added street would have to be approved as safe by the city. The additional routes would give the opportunity for more businesses along those routes to handle heavier load vehicles.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. SUPPORT AB 1128.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to send a letter expressing the city's support.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

State law limits the weight of vehicles to 80,000 pounds. In specific areas as designated, CalTrans can allow up to 95,000-pound vehicles. These are either bulk cargo such as agricultural products or other very heavy materials. It is more efficient to move them in larger quantities to and from the ports. Shippers prepare items for movement in and out of the ports. Except for a few locations along Alameda Street, all the facilities for overweight loads are in Wilmington and Long Beach. Shippers have difficulty in securing additional locations, limiting imports and exports.

Most of the proposed routes are in the Watson Industrial Center south of 223rd Street (Exhibit No. 1). While AB 1128 allows the added routes, final approval is up to the city. Specifically, the city must determine if each proposed roadway can handle the extra load. By using additional axles, the impact on the streets may actually be less than a standard load on a normal truck. What would require greater study would be the impact on the Sepulveda Overpass of the Alameda Corridor. Additional axles are of no help in reducing the load on a bridge.

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The proposed law allows charging a fee on overweight vehicles to defray the added maintenance costs of the roadways. The operators are required to “agree to hold harmless and indemnify the state and all its agents for all costs or claims arising out of or caused by the movement of vehicles or combination of vehicles under the conditions of the permit.” The full text of the bill is attached (Exhibit No. 2).

On May 5, 2011, the Economic Development Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council support the proposed legislation (Exhibit No. 3).

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Map of potential routes. (pg. 3)
2. Text of AB 1128. (pgs. 4-5)
3. May 5, 2011 Economic Development Commission minutes. (pgs. 6-7)

Prepared by: Barry Waite, Business & Employment Development Manager

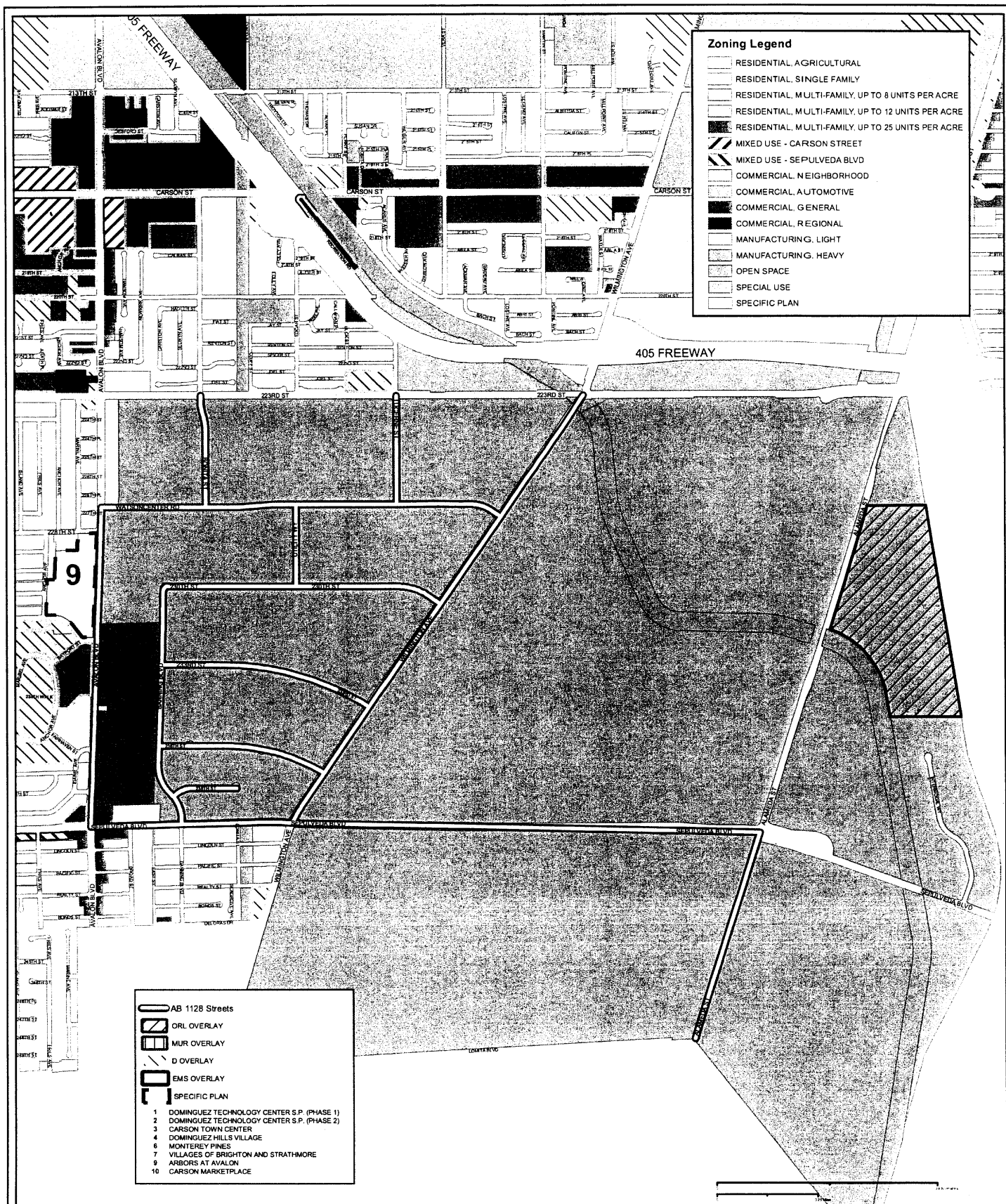
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Reviewed by:

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

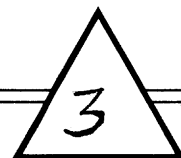
Action taken by City Council

Date_____ Action_____



City of Carson Proposed Streets for Overweight Trucks

EXHIBIT NO. 1



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST AB 1128, as amended, Furutani. Vehicles: Terminal Island Freeway: special permits.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation, upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution by both the City of Long Beach and, the City of Los Angeles, to issue a special permit to the operator of a vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment, permitting the operation and movement of the vehicle, combination, or equipment, and its load, on the 3.66-mile portion of State Route 47 and State Route 103 known as the Terminal Island Freeway, between Willow Street in the City of Long Beach and Terminal Island in the City of Long Beach and the City of Los Angeles, and on the 2.1-mile portion of State Highway Route 1 that is between Blinn Avenue in the City of Los Angeles and Harbor Avenue in the City of Long Beach, *including specified areas within the Carson city limit*, if the vehicle, combination, or equipment meets specified criteria. This bill would additionally authorize the Department of Transportation to issue such a special permit to the operator of a vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment, permitting the operation and movement of the vehicle, combination, or equipment, and its load, on designated routes if the vehicle, combination, or equipment meets specified criteria, upon adoption of such an ordinance or resolution by the City of Carson covering designated routes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 35700.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

35700.5. (a) The Department of Transportation, upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution that is in conformance with the provisions of this section by the City of Carson, the City of Long Beach, and the City of Los Angeles, covering designated routes, may issue a special permit to the operator of a vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment, permitting the operation and movement of the vehicle, combination, or equipment, and its load, on the 3.66-mile portion of State Route 47 and State Route 103 known as the Terminal Island Freeway, between Willow Street in the City of Long Beach and Terminal Island in the City of Long Beach and the City of Los Angeles, and on the 2.1-mile portion of State Highway Route 1, that is between Blinn Avenue in the City of Los Angeles and Harbor Avenue in the City of Long Beach, *including the Carson city limit with Los Angeles on Alameda Street, going north to Sepulveda Blvd., west on Sepulveda Blvd., and north on Wilmington Ave. to 223rd Street, and the streets between Wilmington Ave. on the east, Sepulveda Blvd. on the south, and Avalon Blvd. on the west (excluding Sepulveda Blvd. west of Avalon Blvd.), including East-West Streets: Watson Center Road, and 230th, 233rd, 236th, and 238th Streets, North-South Streets: Bonita and Lucerne Streets, Utility Way, and Banning Blvd., and, in the City of Los Angeles, on the Pacific Coast Highway west to Sanford Avenue* if the vehicle, combination, or equipment meets all of the following criteria:

(1) The vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment is used to transport intermodal cargo containers that are moving in international commerce.

(2) The vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment, in combination with its load, has a maximum gross weight in excess of the maximum gross weight limit of vehicles and loads specified in this chapter, but does not exceed 95,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

(3) (A) The vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment conforms to the axle weight limits specified in Section 35550. (B) The vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment conforms to the axle weight limits in Section 35551, except as specified in subparagraph (C). (C) Vehicles, combinations of vehicles, or mobile equipment that impose more than 80,000 pounds total gross weight on the highway by any group of two or more consecutive axles, exceed 60 feet in length between the extremes of any group of two or more consecutive axles, or have more than six axles shall conform to weight limits that shall be determined by the Department of Transportation. (b) The permit issued by the Department of Transportation shall be required to authorize the operation or movement of a vehicle, combination of vehicles, or mobile equipment described in subdivision (a). The permit shall not authorize the movement of hazardous materials or hazardous wastes, as those terms are defined by local, state, and federal law. The following criteria shall be included in the application for the permit: (1) A description of the loads and vehicles to be operated under the permit. (2) An agreement wherein each applicant agrees to be responsible for all injuries to persons and for all damage to real or personal property of the state and



others directly caused by or resulting from the operation of the applicant's vehicles or combination of vehicles under the conditions of the permit. The applicant shall agree to hold harmless and indemnify the state and all its agents for all costs or claims arising out of or caused by the movement of vehicles or combination of vehicles under the conditions of the permit. (3) The applicant shall provide proof of financial responsibility that covers the movement of the shipment as described in subdivision(a). The insurance shall meet the minimum requirements established bylaw. (4) An agreement to carry a copy of the permit in the vehicle at all times and furnish the copy upon request of an employee of the Department of the California Highway Patrol or the Department of Transportation. (5) An agreement to place an indicia, developed by the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, upon the vehicle identifying it as a vehicle possibly operating under this section. The indicia shall be displayed in the lower right area of the front windshield of the power unit. The Department of Transportation may charge a fee to cover the cost of producing and issuing this indicia. (c) The permit issued pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be valid for one year. The permit may be canceled by the Department of Transportation for any of the following reasons:

- (1) The failure of the applicant to maintain any of the conditions required pursuant to subdivision (b).
- (2) The failure of the applicant to maintain a satisfactory rating, as required by Section 34501.12.
- (3) A determination by the Department of Transportation that there is sufficient cause to cancel the permit because the continued movement of the applicant's vehicles under the permit would jeopardize the safety of the motorists on the roadway or result in undue damage to the highways listed in this section. (d) The Department of Transportation may charge a fee to cover the cost of issuing a permit pursuant to subdivision (a).



CITY OF CARSON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Economic Development Executive Conference Room
1 Civic Plaza, Suite, 500, Carson, CA 90745

MINUTES
May 5, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Walter Neil at 8:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present Members: Chairperson Walter Neil, Vice Chairperson Ray Aldridge, Commissioners Joey Cinco, Chris Childers, Dobard, Pilar Hoyos (8:10), Katie Pandolfo (8:17), Ken Philips, and Brian Raber

Non- Present Members: Commissioner Tom Love

Also Present: John Wogan, Carson Chamber of Commerce

Staff Members: Cliff Graves, Interim City Manager; Barry Waite, Business and Employment Development Manager; Denise Marrufo, Business Development Analyst; LaToya Butler, Business and Employment Development Assistant; Graciellou Abalos, Business Development Intern

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairperson Walter Neil reported bp is actively seeking buyers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Business Awards Event Update:** Business and Employment Development Manager Barry Waite reported the design for the invitation was created by a student from the university. Chairperson Walter Neil will be the MC at the event.

Overweight Truck Legislation AB 1128: Business and Employment Development Manager reported California law requires any members of a commission who have a direct financial interest in an agenda item must leave the room during a discussion and voting on the item.

The mayor sent a letter of support to Assembly member Warren Furatani. Chairperson Walter Neil reported the Carson Chamber of Commerce sent a letter of support as well.

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Commissioner Ken Phillips moved to advise the council to support the overweight truck legislation, seconded by Commissioner Brian Raber and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Pilar Hoyos excused herself during the discussion and voting of this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed September 9: Business and Employment Development Manager Barry Waite reported staff met with the Home Depot Center and LA Galaxy to plan an appreciation event for the top sales tax generators and top employers. The event will take place on September 9, 2011 at the Home Depot Center and will include dinner and a game for the attendees.

Commissioner Katie Pandolfo excused herself from the room during the discussion of this item.

SUBCOMMITTEE/

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

ORAL COMMUNICATION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY

