



CITY OF CARSON

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING: July 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Consider amending the truck route system and the Circulation Element of the General Plan

APPLICANT: City of Carson

REQUEST: Adopt Resolution No. 12-2441 requesting that the City Council approve the Commission's recommendation to maintain status quo regarding the City's truck route system

PROPERTIES INVOLVED: Citywide

COMMISSION ACTION

___ Concurred with staff

___ Did not concur with staff

___ Other

COMMISSIONERS' VOTE

AYE	NO		AYE	NO	
		Chairman Faletogo			Saenz
		Vice-Chair Gordon			Schaefer
		Brimmer			Verrett
		Diaz			Williams
		Goolsby			

I. Background

A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on July 12, 2012 to consider the possible elimination of portions of Victoria Street, Main Street, Carson Street, and Santa Fe Avenue from the list of legal truck routes. The disposition from the public hearing is attached (Exhibit No. 1). A change to the truck route system would require an amendment to the Circulation Element of the General Plan. After hearing public testimony and discussing the issues at length, the Planning Commission voted to maintain status quo regarding the City's truck route system and directed staff to prepare a resolution to that effect.

II. Truck Route Discussion

Two joint workshops of the Planning Commission and Public Works Commission were held on March 23 and June 14, 2011, to discuss the feasibility of modifying the truck route system in Carson. Two public hearings were then held at the Planning Commission meetings on October 11, 2011 and July 10, 2012 to receive further testimony and consider amending the truck route system. The modifications that were considered were the possible elimination of portions of Victoria Street, Main Street, Carson Street, and Santa Fe Avenue from the list of legal truck routes.

The truck route segments that were evaluated were Victoria Street between Main Street and Central Avenue, Main Street between Broadway and Victoria Street, Carson Street between the San Diego Freeway (I-405) and Wilmington Avenue, and Santa Fe Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and the San Diego Freeway. While trucks that are currently operating on these truck routes create problems for the adjacent residences such as noise, structural shaking, rattling windows, and emissions, these impacts would be transferred to other streets and other residents if the subject streets were to be eliminated from the truck route system. In addition, the elimination of a street from the truck route system would result in an inconvenience, increased costs, an increase in fuel consumption, and an increase in travel time for the truck operators and businesses that use the truck routes.

III. Recommendation

ADOPT Resolution No. 12-2441 recommending that the City Council accept the Commission's recommendation to maintain the existing designated truck routes shown on Exhibit TI-6 in the Transportation and Infrastructure Element of the General Plan.

IV. Exhibits

1. Planning Commission Disposition dated July 10, 2012
2. Draft Resolution No. 12-2441

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Richard Garland, Traffic Engineer

Reviewed by: Sheri Repp
Sheri Repp Loadsman, Planning Officer



11. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Consider amending the truck route system and the Circulation Element of the General Plan

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, city of Carson, is requesting the Planning Commission Open the public hearing, take public testimony, close the public hearing, and direct staff to prepare a resolution regarding the truck route system for areas citywide.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Traffic Engineer Garland presented staff report and the recommendation to OPEN the public hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the public hearing; and TAKE one of the following actions: DIRECT staff to prepare a resolution to amend the truck route system and the General Plan Circulation Element in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission; or DIRECT staff to prepare a resolution to maintain status quo regarding the truck route system.

Planning Commission Decision:

Chairman Faletogo moved, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer, to direct staff to prepare a resolution to maintain the status quo regarding the truck route system for adoption at the next Planning Commission meeting. This motion carried as follows:

AYES:	Faletogo, Goolsby, Gordon, Saenz, Schaefer, Williams
NOES:	Brimmer, Verrett
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Diaz

CITY OF CARSON
PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 12-2441

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTES AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT TI-6 IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY FINDS, RESOLVES AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In response to a petition and various additional requests from residents to modify the truck route system in Carson, two joint workshops of the Planning Commission and Public Works Commission were held on March 23 and June 14, 2011, to discuss the feasibility of modifying the truck routes. Public hearings were then held at the Planning Commission to receive further testimony. The modifications that were considered were the possible elimination of portions of Victoria Street, Main Street, Carson Street, and Santa Fe Avenue from the list of legal truck routes.

The public hearings were held on October 11, 2011 and July 10, 2012, at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 701 East Carson Street, Carson, California. Notices of the time, place, and purpose of the aforesaid meetings were duly given.

Section 2. Evidence, both written and oral, was duly presented to and considered by the Planning Commission at the aforesaid meetings.

Section 3. The Planning Commission finds that:

- a) The truck route system in Carson was properly established, as documented in the Carson General Plan and the Carson Municipal Code, and has been in place since the year 1969.
- b) The Transportation and Infrastructure Element of the General Plan states the city has many trucks on its streets due to the types of industrial and commercial uses in the City. There are no specific counts of trucks as opposed to other types of vehicles on City streets but it is estimated that trucks make up 10-25% of the vehicles over 24 hours. The volume of trucks, the impacts of truck traffic on land uses, and the conflict between trucks and other vehicles are major issues for the City.
- c) Although trucks that are currently operating on the truck routes create problems for the adjacent residences, such as noise, structural shaking, rattling windows, and emissions, these impacts would be transferred to other streets and other residents if the subject streets were to be eliminated from the truck route system. In addition, the elimination of a street from the truck route system would result in an inconvenience, increased costs, an increase in fuel consumption, and an increase in travel time for the truck operators and businesses that use the truck routes.



- d) After considering the pros and cons associated with eliminating streets from the truck route system, it was determined that would be in the best interests of the City of Carson, as a whole, for Victoria Street, Main Street, Carson Street, and Santa Fe Avenue to remain on the truck route system.
- e) The City of Carson will take reasonable measures to alleviate truck related impacts on truck routes that are adjacent to residential uses, such as utilizing rubberized asphalt for re-paving projects and conducting grinding operations to smooth out the pavement and eliminate severe bumps.

Section 4. The Planning Commission further finds that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3), General Rule Exemption of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines(CEQA), and that the proposed action is exempt from further environmental review.

Section 5. Based on the aforementioned findings, the Commission hereby recommends recommending that the City Council maintain the existing designated truck routes as shown on Exhibit TI-6 in the Transportation and Infrastructure Element of the General Plan attached as Exhibit A.

Section 6. The Secretary shall certify the adoption of this Resolution and shall transmit copies of the same to the City Council.

Section 7. This action shall become final and effective fifteen days after the adoption of this Resolution unless within such time an appeal is filed with the City Clerk in accordance with the City's procedures.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF July, 2012.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY



