



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 8/9/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) Truck Routes

Report ID: 2012-00667

Location: River District Specific Plan area, District 3

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution to designate six streets in the River District Specific Plan area as Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) truck routes.

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Presenter: None

Department: Public Works Department

Division: Traffic Engineering

Dept ID: 15001921

Attachments:

- 1- Description/Analysis
- 2 - Background Information
- 3 - Resolution
- 4 - Exhibit A - Truck Route Location Map

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Gerald Hicks
7/26/2012 1:29:30 PM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
7/24/2012 2:15:52 PM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 7/25/2012 4:25:17 PM



Description/Analysis

Issue: On March 6, 2012, the City of Sacramento, Transportation Division of the Public Works Department received several written requests from The River District area businesses and The River District Executive Director, requesting an evaluation of the feasibility of STAA truck access to and from their area businesses. STAA trucks are generally defined as vehicles exceeding sixty-five feet in overall length and per Section 35401.5(a) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), that may only travel on designated roadways. Staff has conducted an engineering analysis of several roadways and determined that six streets listed below can safely and reasonably accommodate STAA trucks and therefore recommends that the streets be designated as STAA truck routes:

1. Richards Boulevard between Interstate 5 and North 12th Street/State Route 160
2. North 7th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
3. North 10th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
4. North 12th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
5. North 16th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
6. North B Street between North 7th Street and North 18th Street

Policy Considerations: Approval of this resolution is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan for improving public safety and achieving sustainability and livability.

Environmental Considerations: None

Other: None.

Committee/Commission Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Section 35401.5 (d) of the CVC, states that "The Department of Transportation or local authorities may establish a process whereby access to terminals or services may be applied for upon a route not previously established as an access route." A terminal is considered any place of business, provided that it is a legal operation. Section 35401.5(d) of the CVC also states that "The denial of a request for access to terminals and services shall be only on the basis of safety and an engineering analysis of the proposed access route." Transportation Division staff conducted field reviews and an engineering analysis and determined that the above mentioned roadways can safely and reasonably accommodate STAA trucks. Designating the above street segments as STAA truck routes provides corridors for oversized vehicles to

make deliveries thereby allowing area businesses to continue to operate in a competitive and safe manner.

Financial Considerations: The cost to designate the above streets as STAA truck route would be approximately \$1,500. Funding for signs for the proposed STAA truck route will come from the existing Transportation Division operating budget.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Any goods and services will be procured in accordance with established City policy.

Background Information:

In 1982, the Federal government passed the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA). This act requires states to allow certain longer trucks on a network of federal highways, referred to as the “National Network (NN).” These trucks are considered STAA trucks and are generally longer than sixty-five feet in overall length. Furthermore, Section 35401.5(a) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) requires STAA trucks to travel only on roadways designated by the State of California Department of Transportation or local authorities.

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The City of Sacramento’s process requires that the applicant provide a written request outlining the size, weight and proposed route of the vehicle that will be used to transport goods. Department of Public Works, Transportation Division staff then conducts an engineering analysis of the proposed route to determine if the roadway can safely and reasonably accommodate oversized trucks. If it is determined that the roadway can accommodate STAA trucks, a recommendation to designate the STAA route is provided to the City Council for approval. Once approved, staff erects appropriate signs, updates truck route maps, and notifies applicants of outcome.

On March 6th, 2012, the Department of Public Works, Transportation Division received several written requests from The River District area businesses and The River District Executive Director requesting that an evaluation be conducted for the feasibility of STAA truck access to and from their facilities. Staff conducted an engineering analysis that included the use of STAA truck turning templates as well as field observations of STAA trucks to determine if they can safely operate on roadways without significant off tracking. It was determined that the roadways listed below can safely and reasonably accommodate STAA trucks and provide access to area businesses requesting STAA truck access. It is therefore recommended that the roadways listed below be designated as STAA truck routes:

1. Richards Boulevard between Interstate 5 and North 12th Street/State Route 160
2. North 7th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
3. North 10th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
4. North 12th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
5. North 16th Street between Richards Boulevard and North B Street
6. North B Street between North 7th Street and North 18th Street



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 9, 2012

Designation of Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) Truck Routes

BACKGROUND

- A. Section 35401.5(a) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) requires STAA trucks to travel only on roadways designated by the State of California Department of Transportation or local authorities.
- B. Section 35401.5 (d) of the CVC, states that "The Department of Transportation or local authorities may establish a process whereby access to terminals or services may be applied for upon a route not previously established as an access route." The terminal is considered any place of business, provided that it is a legal operation. Section 35401.5(d) of the CVC also states that "The denial of a request for access to terminals and services shall be only on the basis of safety and an engineering analysis of the proposed access route."
- C. The City of Sacramento's process requires that the applicant provide a written request outlining the size, weight and proposed route of the vehicle that will be used to transport goods. Department of Public Works, Transportation Division staff then conducts an engineering analysis of the proposed route to determine if the roadway can safely and reasonably accommodate oversized trucks.
- D. On March 6th, 2012, the Department of Public Works, Transportation Division received several written requests from The River District area businesses and The River District Executive Director requesting that an evaluation be conducted for the feasibility of STAA truck access to and from their facilities.
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**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Approve the streets listed below and shown in Exhibit A as STAA truck routes:

1. Richards Boulevard between Interstate 5 and North 12th Street/State Route 160
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Section 2. STAA regulations pursuant to Sections 35401 & 35401.5 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) shall apply to the above mentioned streets.

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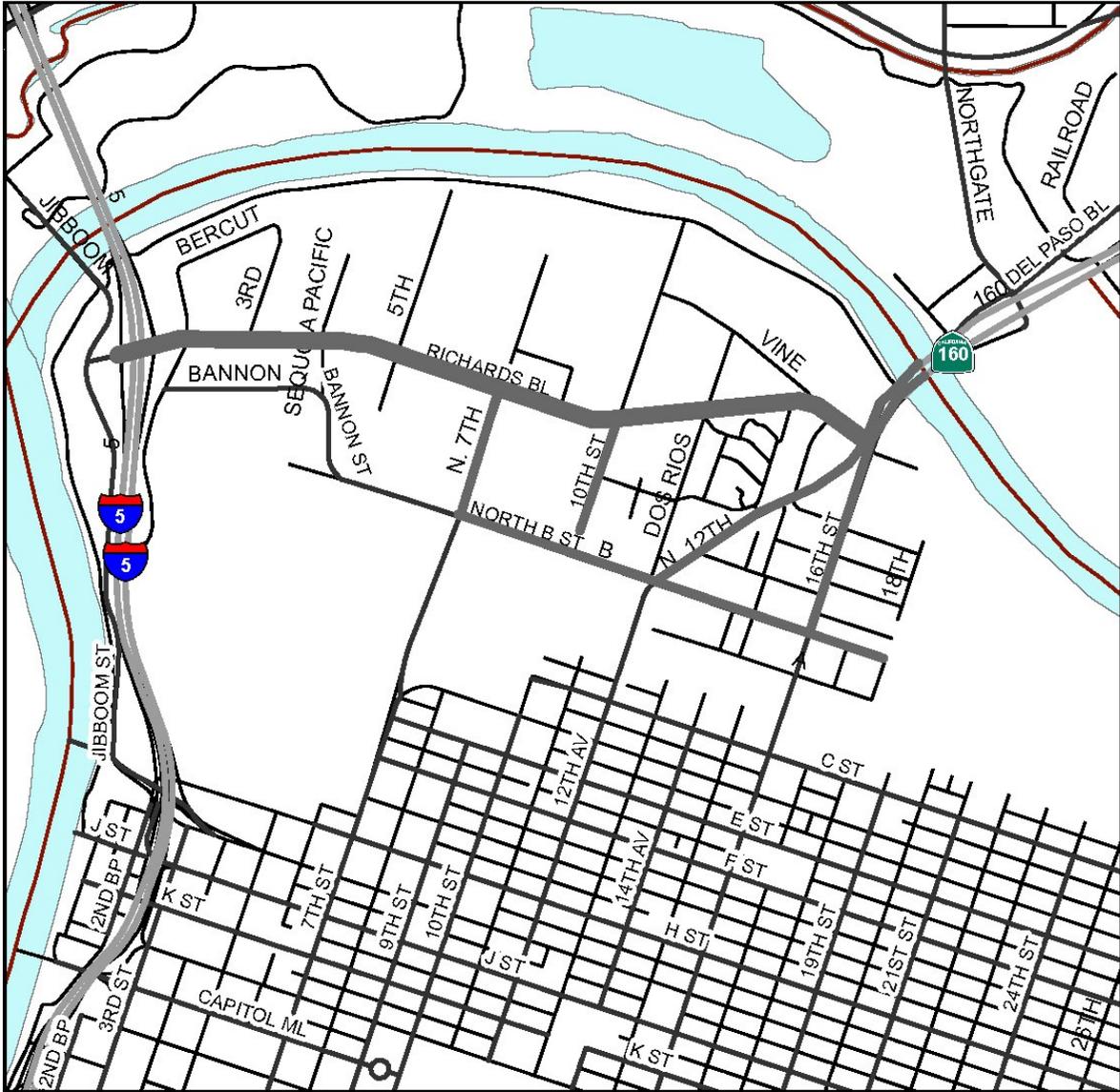
Exhibit A: Truck Route Location Map



LOCATION MAP FOR

EXHIBIT A

DESIGNATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT (STAA) DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTES



Map Contact: Jon Fitzpatrick
Date: July 16, 2012

