

File #: 2016-01043

Consent Item 13

Title: Designation of Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) Truck Routes
(Continued from 09/20/2016)

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution approving additional City Streets designated as an STAA Truck Route.

Location: District 4

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Presenter: None.

Department: Public Works

Attachments:

- 1-Description Analysis
- 2-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Golden 1 Center entertainment and sports complex requests a new STAA Truck Route to and from its loading dock on the east side of 5th Street between J Street and L Street for trucks exceeding an overall length of 65 feet. STAA trucks are generally defined as vehicles exceeding 65 feet in overall length and per the California Vehicle Code (CVC) may only travel on designated roadways. Staff has evaluated the route shown on the resolution and recommends that it be designated an STAA truck route.

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

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The additional routes would facilitate access to and from the arena. Designation of routes pursuant to the Service Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) were acknowledged in the ESC EIR (page 4.10-9). Designation of new routes would not result in any significant effects that were not evaluated in the EIR. No additional environmental review is required.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: 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)." Trucks longer than a "California Legal" (65') truck are designated STAA trucks and are required by the California Vehicle Code to only travel on roadways designated by the California Department of Transportation or local authorities.

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."

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An evaluation that included the use of STAA truck turning templates determined the roadways shown in the resolution can safely and reasonably accommodate STAA trucks and provide the requested access to the Golden 1 Center. Staff recommends the streets shown in the resolution be designated STAA truck routes.

Financial Considerations: The cost to implement the STAA Truck Route shown on the resolution is estimated to be less than \$4000. Funds are available in the Transportation Division operating budget (15001921).

Local Business enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TRUCK ROUTES

BACKGROUND

- A. Section 35401.5(a) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) requires STAA (Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982) 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 California Vehicle Code (CVC), states that "The Department of Transportation or local authorities may establish a process whereby access to terminals or services maybe applied for upon a route not previously established as an access route." The terminalis 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 08/19/2016, a written request was received from the Sacramento Kings organization requesting that an evaluation be conducted for the feasibility of STAA truck access to and from their facility.
- E. Staff conducted an engineering analysis that included the use of STAA truck turning templates 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 the Golden 1 Center requesting STAA truck access:
 - 1. Q Street between Northbound I-5 off-ramp and 5th Street
 - 2. Q Street between Southbound I-5 off-ramp and 5th Street
 - 3. Northbound 5th Street between Railyards Boulevard Street and Q Street
 - 4. Westbound I Street between Northbound I-5 on-ramp and 5th Street

5. Westbound I Street between Southbound I-5 on-ramp and 5th Street
6. Eastbound Railyards Boulevard between 5th Street and 7th Street
7. Northbound 7th Street between Railyards Boulevard and North B Street

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The streets listed below as Surface Transportation Assistance Act Truck Routes are approved:

1. Q Street between Northbound I-5 off-ramp and 5th Street
2. Q Street between Southbound I-5 off-ramp and 5th Street
3. Northbound 5th Street between Railyards Boulevard and Q Street
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Section 2. The Surface Transportation Assistance Act regulations pursuant to Sections 35401 and 35401.5 of the California Vehicle Code shall apply to the above mentioned streets.