REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
July 17, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Designation of Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) Truck Routes

Location/Council District: Florin Perkins Road between Fruitridge Road and South City Limits (District 6).

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** designating the following streets as Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) truck routes: Florin Perkins Road between Fruitridge Road & the South City Limits, Specialty Circle, Morrison Creek Drive, Rovana Circle, Stayner Court, Younger Creek Drive between Florin Perkins Road and Elder Creek Road, Thys Court, Unsworth Avenue, and Sienna Avenue.

Contact: Jon Fitzpatrick, Traffic Investigator, 808-8595; Hector Barron, City Traffic Engineer, 808-2669

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3439

Description/Analysis

Issue: Requests have been made by local businesses to permit STAA trucks on streets in the area of Florin Perkins Road between Fruitridge Road and the South City Limits (Exhibit A) to make deliveries within this industrial/commercial zone. The segment of Florin Perkins Road, south of the City limits and within Sacramento County right of way, is currently an approved STAA truck route. Elder Creek Road and Fruitridge Road which intersect with Florin Perkins Road are also current approved STAA truck routes.

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

Rationale for Recommendation: Adopting the above street segments as STAA truck routes would provide a corridor for oversized vehicles (vehicles exceeding

sixty-five feet in length) to make deliveries and establish a link with existing City and County STAA roadways. Permitting STAA trucks to utilize the above mentioned streets does not appear to create any negative impacts within City of Sacramento right of way. It will allow businesses to continue to operate in a competitive and safe manner. California Vehicle Code (CVC) 35401.5d also states that the denial of a request shall be only on the basis of safety and an engineering analysis. STAA truck turning templates were used in determining that the above mentioned roadways could reasonably accommodate these trucks. Field observations were also conducted to observe vehicular traffic and conditions.

Financial Considerations: The cost to implement the subject streets as designated STAA truck route's would be approximately $1,000. Signage funding for the proposed STAA truck route will come from the existing Traffic Control Enhancement Project (PN: SJ86), which has an approved budget of $710,000 for FY 07/08 with an unobligated balance of $78,302. No additional funding is being requested.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: _____
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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RAY KERRIDGE
for City Manager

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Attachment 1

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)." A STAA truck is longer (over 65') than a "California legal" truck and may operate only on specific roadways in California. These roadways are evaluated to determine whether the facilities can safely accommodate STAA vehicles. This is determined through an engineering analysis.

The California Vehicle Code states that "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 (CVC 35401.5)."

The City of Sacramento 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 Transportation (DOT) staff evaluates the proposed route to determine if the roadway can safely and reasonably accommodate these oversized trucks. If it is determined that the roadway can accommodate them, it is then submitted to Council for approval. Once approved, DOT staff erects appropriate signage or develops maps outlining which streets are approved STAA routes. Funding for this program comes from existing Traffic Control Enhancement Program (PN: SJ86).

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT TRUCK ROUTES

BACKGROUND

A. In 1982, the Federal government passed the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA). A STAA truck is longer than a "California legal" truck and may operate only on specific roadways in California. The California Vehicle Code (CVC) states that "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 (CVC 35401.5). This is determined through an engineering analysis.

B. Once Department of Transportation (DOT) staff receives a written request to approve specific streets as STAA routes, an evaluation is performed to determine if the roadway can safely and reasonably accommodate these oversized trucks. If it is determined that the roadway can accommodate them, it is then submitted to Council for approval.

C. The following streets have met the criteria for STAA Truck Routes and are recommended to be added to the existing STAA Truck Route List:

1. Florin Perkins Road between Fruitridge Road & the south City limits.
2. Morrison Creek Drive.
3. Rovana Circle.
4. Specialty Circle.
5. Stayner Court.
6. Thys Court.
7. Unsworth Avenue.
8. Younger Creek Dr. between Florin Perkins Road & Elder Creek Road

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

Section 1. The following streets are designated as STAA truck routes:

1. Florin Perkins Road between Fruitridge Road & the south City limits.
2. Morrison Creek Drive.
3. Rovana Circle.
4. Specialty Circle.
5. Stayner Court.
6. Thys Court.
7. Unsworth Avenue.
8. Younger Creek Dr. between Florin Perkins Road & Elder Creek Road

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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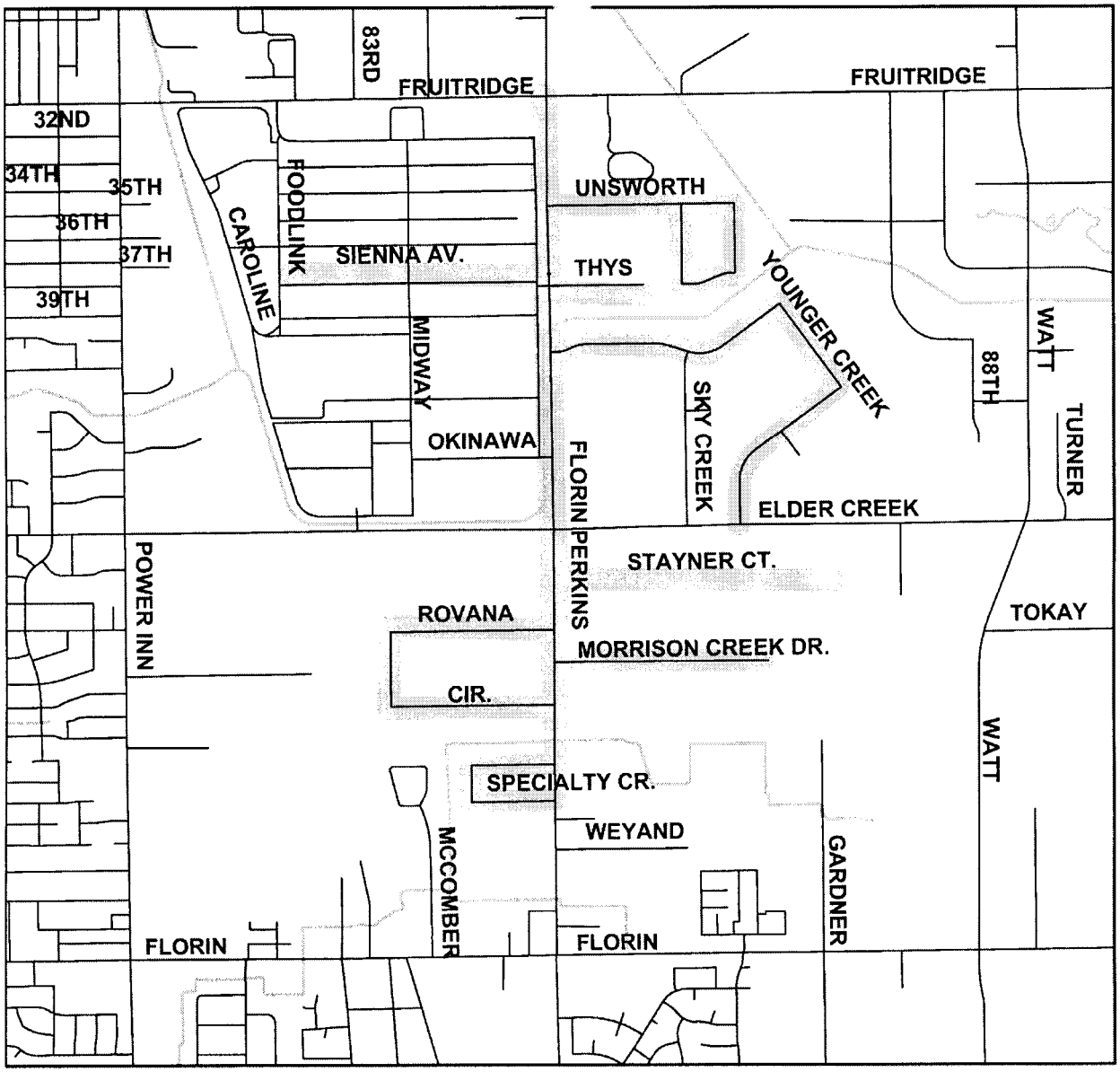
Exhibit A: Map of Surface Transportation Assistance Act Truck Routes (PN: SJ86)

EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR

DESIGNATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT (STAA) TRUCK ROUTES (PN:SJ86)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: March 14, 2007

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