

SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REPORT



To: Transportation Commission
From: Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Director
Meeting Date: June 16, 2011

ITEM IN BRIEF

Action: Information/Possible Action

Purpose: To provide update of the proposed implementation of the truck route policy established in the adopted Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Based on Commission direction and community input, staff would like to present a recommended truck route ordinance for Commission discussion and possible recommendation by the Commission to City Council for adoption.

Key Considerations:

Truck Routes – Commercial truck vehicle traffic is a basic feature of community living. Grocery stores need food deliveries and businesses need their goods delivered or picked up. Most of Scottsdale's arterial streets have residential frontage, making the need for buffering solutions and mitigation imperative. Currently, the City has several truck routes that were designated by ordinance in 1985. These designated routes do not match the current street system and very few routes exist in parts of the city that have developed since then.

It has been recommend in the adopted TMP that all major roadways be considered truck routes. It was also recommended that neighborhood streets and local neighborhood collector routes not be considered for truck route designations. Transportation staff initially drafted a proposed Ordinance which was approved by the Commission on January 20, 2011. Based on community input an alternative ordinance was presented at the May 19th Commission meeting which would have allowed staff to determine where trucks should be prohibited. Based on Commission direction we have returned with the original draft ordinance and have added Westland Drive as an exception to the designated truck route system (copy attached to this report).

Scottsdale City Code Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 17-60 currently provides that no person shall operate any commercial vehicle exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds at any time upon any streets or part of a street that is not designated a truck route, except to pick-up or deliver materials or merchandise. Other stops, for maintenance or gas, are not considered. City vehicles are included as commercial vehicles. City Code Section 17-1004 includes a very outdated list of streets designated as truck routes within Scottsdale.

Recommended Ordinance Provisions- The initial draft ordinance that was prepared by staff and approved by the Commission in January would have designated all Major Arterials, Minor Arterials and Major Collectors as truck routes in Scottsdale, in accordance with the policy in the TMP. This draft ordinance eliminated from the truck route system several streets that would not impact the safe and efficient distribution and transportation of goods and services. At the May 19, 2011, meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to stay with the original ordinance modifications discussed in January and review the recent

public comments to determine whether additional roadway segments should be considered for exception.

Based on additional public input, staff has added Westland Drive from Scottsdale Road to Pima Road to the list of roadway segments recommended for exception. We have received considerable public comment that Doubletree Road should be added to that list. Doubletree Road is not recommended for exception because it meets many of the criteria for a truck route established in the Transportation Master Plan, including:

- Designation as a Minor Arterial with four travel lanes
- Direct connection to a regional freeway
- Major commercial uses along the route
- Provides a connection to an adjacent community

A new draft Ordinance which adds Westland Drive is attached to this memo and is labeled Updated Ordinance 3908 (draft 06-08-11). Staff recommends that the Transportation Commission endorse the revised Ordinance language.

Public outreach for this item has included news releases, media coverage, open houses with the Scottsdale Ranch and Gainey Ranch HOAs, two general open houses, creation of a regularly updated truck route web page, creation of an e-mail contact list (over 600 addresses), and direct e-mails using Scottsdale Update (over 4,000 subscribers) and the city's HOA contact list.

Attachments:

Updated Ordinance #3908 (draft 06-08-11)
Map of Existing and Proposed Truck Routes
Public Comment Received

Staff Contact:

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UPDATED ORDINANCE NO. 3908

Draft 06-08-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLES II, III AND XXI OF THE SCOTTSDALE REVISED CODE, TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES FOR DESIGNATING ONE-WAY STREETS AND TRUCK ROUTES, AND TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS APPLYING TO TRUCK DRIVERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Scottsdale has grown significantly in the past decades since the ordinance provisions regarding one-way streets and truck routes were passed, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a Transportation Master Plan to guide the designation of truck routes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 17, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Section 17-33; Article III, Section 17-60; and Article XXI, Sections 17-1002 and 17-1004 of the Scottsdale Revised Code are hereby amended or deleted as follows, with new language shown in shaded format and deleted language in strikethrough format:

Sec. 17-33. Authority to sign ~~Designation of one-way streets.~~

~~Whenever any ordinance designates any one-way street or alley, city shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof, and no such regulation shall be effective unless the signs are in place.~~ The city may designate as one way any street, alley or part thereof. The regulation becomes effective when the city erects one-way signs. Signs indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited.

Sec. 17-60. Commercial vehicles prohibited on certain streets.

(a) ~~No person shall operate any commercial vehicle exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight at any time upon any city streets except those streets or parts of streets described in section 17-1004 as truck routes; except for the purpose of delivering or picking up materials or merchandise. A person operating a commercial vehicle may leave an adopted truck route by the nearest route to travel a distance no greater than three-fourths of a mile and in so doing not crossing another truck route to make a single delivery or pickup after which they must return immediately by the nearest route, not to exceed three-fourths of a mile and in so doing shall not cross another truck route to an adopted truck route.~~

(b) ~~In the event that a pickup or delivery is greater than three-fourths of a mile from an adopted truck route, then a person operating a commercial vehicle may leave an adopted truck route by the nearest route to make a single delivery or pickup after which he must return immediately by the nearest route to an adopted truck route.~~

(c) ~~The provisions of this section do not apply to:~~

(1) ~~Passenger buses.~~

(2) ~~Any vehicle owned by a public utility while necessarily in use in the construction, installation or repair of any public utility.~~

Sec. 17-60. Truck routes.

- (a) Except as otherwise permitted in subsection (c) below, no person shall operate a commercial vehicle exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight upon any city streets except the truck routes described in subsection (b) below.
- (b) Except for the street segments specified below, truck routes in the City are those 4-lane and larger streets shown in the Streets Element of the Scottsdale Transportation Master Plan, adopted January 2008, Figure 4-5 - Recommended Street Functional Classification, as Major Arterials (Rural, Suburban and Urban), Minor Arterials (Rural, Suburban and Urban), and Major Collectors (Rural, Suburban and Urban), as amended.
 - (1) Via Linda from 90th Street to 136th Street
 - (2) 96th Street from Via Linda to Shea Boulevard
 - (3) Cactus Road from the 101 Freeway to 96th Street
 - (4) Thunderbird Road from 87th Street to Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard
 - (5) Redfield Road from 92nd Street to Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard
 - (6) Legend Trail Parkway from Pima Road to Stagecoach Pass
 - (7) Mountain View Road from Scottsdale Road to 90th Street
 - (8) McCormick Parkway from Scottsdale to Hayden roads
 - (9) Happy Valley Road east of Alma School
 - (10) Westland Drive from Scottsdale Road to Pima Road
- (c) A driver may leave a truck route by the nearest route to make a pickup, delivery or other stop. To make such a pickup, delivery or other stop, the driver shall not cross another truck route.
- (d) This section does not apply to:
 - (1) Passenger buses.
 - (2) Any vehicle owned by a public utility while in use to construct, install, maintain or repair any public utility.
 - (3) Government vehicles.
- (e) The violation of this section is a petty offense punishable by a fine of \$250.

Sec. 17-1002. One way streets.

In accordance with section 17-33 and when properly signposted, traffic shall move only in the direction indicated upon the following streets:
Gold Dust Ave., between 64th St. and 66th St.

Sec. 17-1004. Truck routes.

In accordance with the provisions of section 17-60 and when signs are erected giving notice of the adopted truck routes; no person shall operate any commercial vehicle exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight at any time upon any streets or part of a street except for the purpose of picking up or delivering of materials or merchandise they may leave an adopted truck route by the nearest route to travel a distance no greater than three-fourths of a mile and in so doing not crossing another truck route after which they must return immediately by the nearest route, not to exceed three-fourths of a mile, and in so doing shall not cross another truck route, to an adopted truck route as follows:

- Camelback Road, 64th Street to Scottsdale Road.*
- C.A.P. Parkway, Scottsdale Road to Pima Road.*
- Hayden Road, McKellips Road to C.A.P. Parkway.*
- Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale Road to Pima Road.*
- Indian School Road, 60th Street to Pima Road.*
- McKellips Road, Scottsdale Road to Granite Reef Road.*
- McDowell Road, 64th Street to Pima Road.*
- Pima Road, McDowell Road to Stage Coach Pass Road.*

~~Scottsdale Road, Roosevelt Street to Carefree Highway.~~
~~Shea Boulevard, 64th Street to east city limits.~~
~~Thomas Road, 56th Street to Pima Road.~~

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this 14th day of September, 2010.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona
municipal corporation

By: _____
Carolyn Jagger
City Clerk

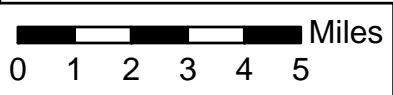
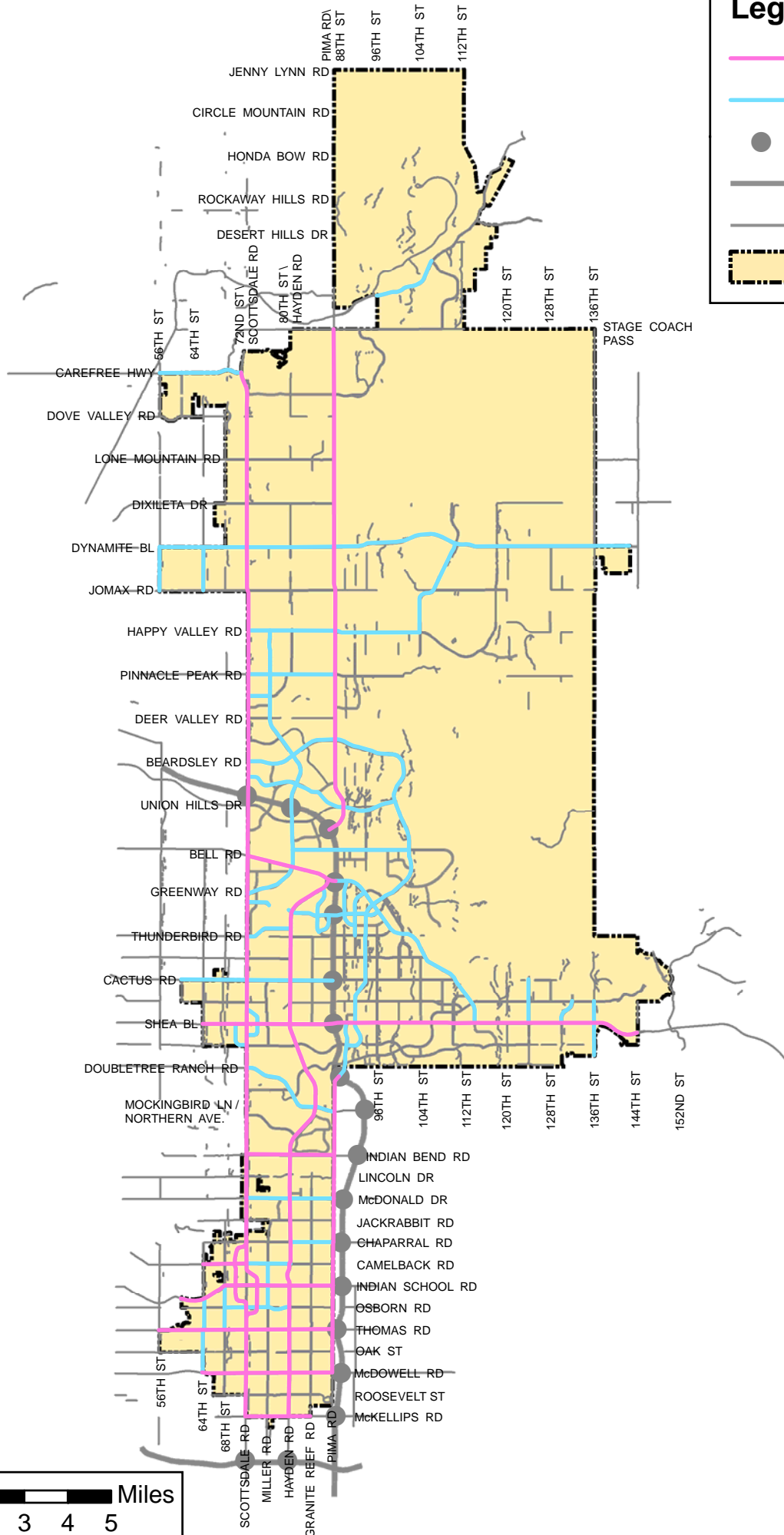
By: _____
W.J. "Jim" Lane
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bruce Washburn, City Attorney
By : Kathe Anderson, Assistant City Attorney

Legend

- Current Truck Routes
- Proposed Truck Routes
- Interchange
- Freeway
- Roadway
- ▭ City Boundary





COMMENT SUMMARY

On Proposed Truck Route Ordinance
From May 19 through June 9, 2011

Since the May 19, 2011 Transportation Commission meeting, Transportation staff has received over one hundred comments from residents opposing their street be designated as a truck route. Below is a breakdown of streets we received comments on and the number of comments we've received on each particular street:

<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Comments Received</u>
Westland Drive	89
Via Linda/96 th Street	11
Winfield Road	1
Doubletree Ranch Road	2
Thompson Peak Parkway	2
General Comments	6