



DISCUSSION

City of San Bernardino Request for Council Action

Date: December 7, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Robert D. Field, City Manager;
Nathan Freeman, Agency Director of Community, Housing,
and Economic Development

Department: Community, Housing, & Economic Development (CED)

Subject: **Update on the Citywide Truck Route Study**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Bernardino, California, receive and file an update on the draft Citywide Truck Route Study.

Background

On May 19, 2021, during a discussion of the growing demand for warehouse and logistics uses throughout the City, the Mayor and City Council received a report outlining the steps necessary to establish commercial truck routes within the City and directed staff to return with a Professional Services Agreement with PlaceWorks to prepare a Truck Route Study for consideration.

On March 16, 2022, the Mayor and City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with PlaceWorks for the preparation of a Truck Route Study and authorized the Finance Director (now the Agency Director of Administrative Services) to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-22 adopted budget accordingly. On May 17, 2022, the contract was executed, and KOA Corporation and Tioga Group were brought on board as subconsultants to prepare the Truck Route Study with the following goals:

- Determine the existing pattern of medium-duty and heavy-duty truck trips.
- Identify the reasons behind those truck trip patterns.
- Determine likely future shifts or increases in those trip patterns from internal or external development.
- Identify potential conflicts - truck routing patterns and local communities.
- Develop an understanding of future development plans in bordering cities and greater Inland Empire.

- Prepare truck route system options to balance the need for access, through movement, and community preferences.

Discussion

The establishment of designated commercial truck routes provides for the efficient flow of goods through the City to maximize local economic growth while reducing the impacts of commercial truck travel on the community. As the nature of goods movement has changed, and land uses throughout the City and surrounding areas are updated, the characteristics on how trucks can navigate from the State highway system through the City continues to be a challenge. These factors have resulted in commercial trucks using major arterials, secondary streets and even collector streets for deliveries, shipments of goods, and general paths of travel between the State highways that surround the City.

In order to designate truck routes within the City, a comprehensive study must be conducted to provide background information, evaluate local traffic patterns and zoning, and identify existing policies and regulations at the Federal, State, and local levels that govern truck circulation operations. Development of an effective recommendation for specific truck routes requires thorough evaluation of complex data relative to current traffic patterns, vehicle types and roadway conditions within the City. It also requires the ability to anticipate the future commercial truck route needs of the City based on current land use and consistency with the General Plan.

KOA Corporation and Tioga Group have completed their preliminary analysis and have provided a status update on their initial findings as included in the attached Draft Citywide Truck Route Study and presentation (Attachments 1 and 2).

2021-2025 Strategic Targets and Goals

The Status Update of the Citywide Truck Route Study aligns with Key Target No. 3: Improved Quality of Life. Specifically, 3c: constantly evaluate public safety service delivery models to enhance the quality of service. The general intent of this action would be to establish Commercial Truck Routes minimizing impacts to the community and improving the quality of life in San Bernardino.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund as a result of this report.

Conclusion

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Attachments

Attachment 1	Draft Citywide Truck Route Study - November 2022
Attachment 2	Presentation

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All Wards

Synopsis of Previous Council Actions:

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