



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Century Boulevard between Stockton Street and Cherokee Lane, Truck Travel Restriction and Related Issues

MEETING DATE: August 6, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council review the following report related to the restriction of truck traffic on Century Boulevard between Stockton Street and Cherokee Lane and take the appropriate action. The possible options include:

- Take no action
- Prohibit trucks with more than two axles on Century Boulevard during all or portions of the day
- Establish citywide truck routes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its February 5, 1997 meeting, City Council reviewed truck traffic concerns expressed via a petition from East Century Boulevard residents. As a result of that meeting, Council requested that businesses in the area be contacted to assess their feelings related to the restriction of large commercial vehicles on Century Boulevard between Stockton Street and Cherokee Lane. Since the February meeting, we have received additional correspondence from East Century Boulevard residents related to the successful reduction in speeding vehicles due to police enforcement, and requesting marked pedestrian crosswalks and information related to truck travel (Exhibit A). Discussion related to the issues in the letter is incorporated into the following report as it applies. The report includes the review of the results of the surveys from the businesses in the target area, review of possible options and discussion.

SURVEY RESULTS: In May, the Police Department's "Partners" contacted 63 businesses located on Stockton Street, Maggio Circle, Ackerman Drive, Maxwell Street and Neuharth Drive. These businesses were asked if they use large trucks in their operation or receive deliveries from large trucks and, if so, the number of truck trips that occur per week. They were also asked their feelings related to a time-of-day or total restriction of large trucks on this segment of Century Boulevard.

The survey results indicated that of the 63 businesses surveyed, 38 use or receive deliveries from large trucks. The comments received from those 38 businesses are shown in the table below.

| Number of Businesses Surveyed | Time Restriction | | | Total Restriction | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | In Favor | No Opposed | No Opinion | In Favor | No Opposed | No Opinion |
| 38 | 8 | 9 | 21 | 10 | 10 | 18 |

As the survey shows, of the businesses that use or receive deliveries from large trucks in this area, the number of businesses in favor and opposed to a truck travel restriction are about equal. Although it can be argued that the businesses that had no opinion or no comment could be considered in favor of a restriction, it is important to remember that the survey performed was not a poll but a method to determine the truck needs of the area businesses. While these surveys provide a better understanding

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of the trucking needs of the businesses in the area, they do not necessarily provide a clear picture of the trucks using Century Boulevard. Since nearly all of the businesses in the survey area do not use large trucks but only receive deliveries from them, their lack of concern over a truck restriction is understandable. Considering the East Century Boulevard residents' claims of high truck activity on Century Boulevard, and the small number of businesses in the area that actually use large trucks, it is apparent that these trucks are making the deliveries to these or other businesses. These transport companies were not surveyed, nor would it be an easy task to determine their travel needs. It was also noted by the surveyors that several businesses suggested improving the traffic control at the intersection of Stockton Street and Harney Lane to allow easier truck access to Highway 99.

OPTIONS: The following three options have been reviewed related to this matter:

Take no action. Continue to allow truck travel on Century Boulevard. Century Boulevard is an arterial street designed to carry large volumes of traffic, including trucks, and is similar to other roadways, such as Turner Road, Ham Lane, Lodi Avenue, Hutchins Street and Stockton Street.

Prohibit trucks with more than two axles on Century Boulevard during portions or all times of the day. This option would prohibit the travel of commercial vehicles with more than two axles during all or portions of the day. It will require that the City Council adopt a resolution amending Traffic Resolution #87-163. Since there are currently no truck travel restrictions in the city based on the time of day, these limits need to be determined. The City currently doesn't prohibit trucks on roadways unless the design is such that truck traffic would create excessive pavement damage. This issue is not a concern with the design of Century Boulevard.

Establish citywide truck routes. As indicated in the study reviewed at the February meeting, the City previously reviewed the establishment of citywide truck routes in 1987. Truck routes were not established at that time due to concerns of increased truck traffic on the proposed routes and that the preference was to allow the more even distribution of trucks by continuing to not regulate their travel. There are currently several streets in the city that, although not mandatory routes for all trucks, are designated to accommodate the longer trucks classified as STAA trucks. These STAA routes and all other truck travel restrictions are shown on **Exhibit B**. If Council selects this option, it is recommended the STAA accessible streets be established as truck routes since these routes have been reviewed for accessibility, design and consistency. A public hearing will need to be held to amend the City Code to establish truck routes.

DISCUSSION: The City has received complaints related to truck travel on residential and collector streets. Staff has several concerns related to the restriction of trucks on Century Boulevard, which is an arterial street. A major concern is that trucks would be forced to use Kettleman Lane, which is already congested with heavy vehicle and truck traffic. The use of Harney Lane is also an alternative, but as expressed in the surveys of businesses and as indicated in staff's February study, it is not recommended that truck traffic be directed along this route given the existing undeveloped condition at Harney/Stockton, uncontrolled traffic on Harney Lane, and relatively poor access to Highway 99 from Harney Lane compared to Century Boulevard.

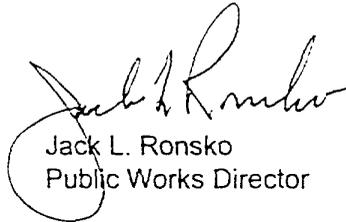
Another advantage for trucks using the southbound on-ramp at Century Boulevard is that drivers do not need to merge into highway traffic since the number of lanes increases from two to three at that interchange; in other words, vehicles enter on a dedicated lane. Vehicles are required to merge at both

the Kettleman Lane and Harney Lane interchanges. Staff has also received concerns related to difficulties truck drivers have using the southbound on-ramp at Kettleman Lane due to the uphill grade and short length of the on-ramp and, although the grade problem doesn't exist at the Harney Lane interchange, the southbound on-ramp is very short.

Possibly the most important issue is the precedence that would be set by singling out this street segment to restrict trucks. Although Council action would be required to approve future truck travel restrictions on any other streets, it may be difficult to ignore other requests we are likely to receive on streets of similar classification or lower, which includes almost every street in the city. Although establishing citywide truck routes may be a controversial issue, similar to the attempt in 1987, it may be a more reasonable alternative given the ramifications of individually addressing streets as complaints arise and staff's belief that truck travel should not be arbitrarily restricted. This issue may even be able to be tied into the truck parking issues the City is currently in the process of reviewing by allowing truck parking only on designated truck routes.

Another issue discussed at the February Council meeting, and requested again in the recent letter from East Century Boulevard residents, is for the installation of marked pedestrian crosswalks across Century Boulevard. Again, marked pedestrian crosswalks not only don't increase safety, but can even be more hazardous due to the false sense of security pedestrians perceive while in marked crosswalks. For these reasons, staff does not recommend they be considered along Century Boulevard, particularly since the students in this area are bused to Live Oak School and the location of bus stops does not require that students cross Century Boulevard to get home. If parents are allowing their children to cross Century Boulevard after being dropped off by the bus, they should become involved in educating them on crossing streets safely. Through a grant, the City is also providing education at elementary schools through the "Officer Roadway" program. Information related to this program and other pedestrian safety information is available from the Public Works Department's Traffic Engineering Section.

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Surveyed Businesses

EAST CENTURY BOULEVARD COMMITTEE FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL

July 14, 1997

Lodi City Council
221 West Pine
Lodi, CA 95241

Attention: Mayor Phillip A. Pennino
Councilmen

Re: Truck Traffic Survey - East Century Blvd.

We appreciate your letter of July 3, 1997, and will review the letter at our upcoming board meeting.

We would like to update you on the traffic condition on East Century Blvd. I have been in direct contact with Officer Lee Patterson, L.P.D., and agree with Officer Patterson that, with the additional enforcement efforts of the police patrol, speeding incidents have materially decreased.

However, since school bus service changes from one part of Century Blvd. to another, including the north side and south side of the street, we still feel pedestrian zones should be provided. True, children generally board the bus in the morning on the side of East Century Blvd. their home development is in. But in the afternoon due to wanting to ride home with their friends, sports, etc., they take whichever bus they want and are observed crossing East Century Blvd., at almost any point at one of the busiest times of the day.

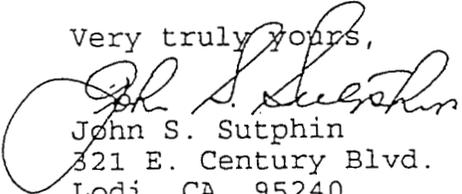
Our continuing concern is the truck traffic. I note your comment in your July 3 letter indicating that the police department would survey the businesses on Stockton Street concerning the use of East Century Blvd. for truck travel. At first Officer Patterson was unaware of this activity stating, "It probably hasn't trickled down to my level yet."

May I offer these thoughts:

1. Councilman Warner contacted George Kishida and stated that Mr. Kishida gave the favorable statement that he does not wish to disturb his neighbors.
2. Lodi Trucking Service, Tiger Lines, uses East Century Blvd., during tomato harvest when their trucks, returning from P.C.P. to their yard, travel East Century Blvd. eastbound only. This is not a significant problem. One of our members contacted L.T.S. months ago and was told that L.T.S. really does not want their trucks to use this route.

3. Remaining are three businesses that require trucking service. These businesses do not operate their own trucks. They are served by common carriers such as Swift Transportation, Bestway Trucking, Pride Trucking, Viking Trucking and California Bulk Transfer to name a few. These trucking companies are not domiciled in Lodi. They will only react to a "No trucks 3 axle or greater" sign. This is the sign we are asking for.

Very truly yours,



John S. Sutphin
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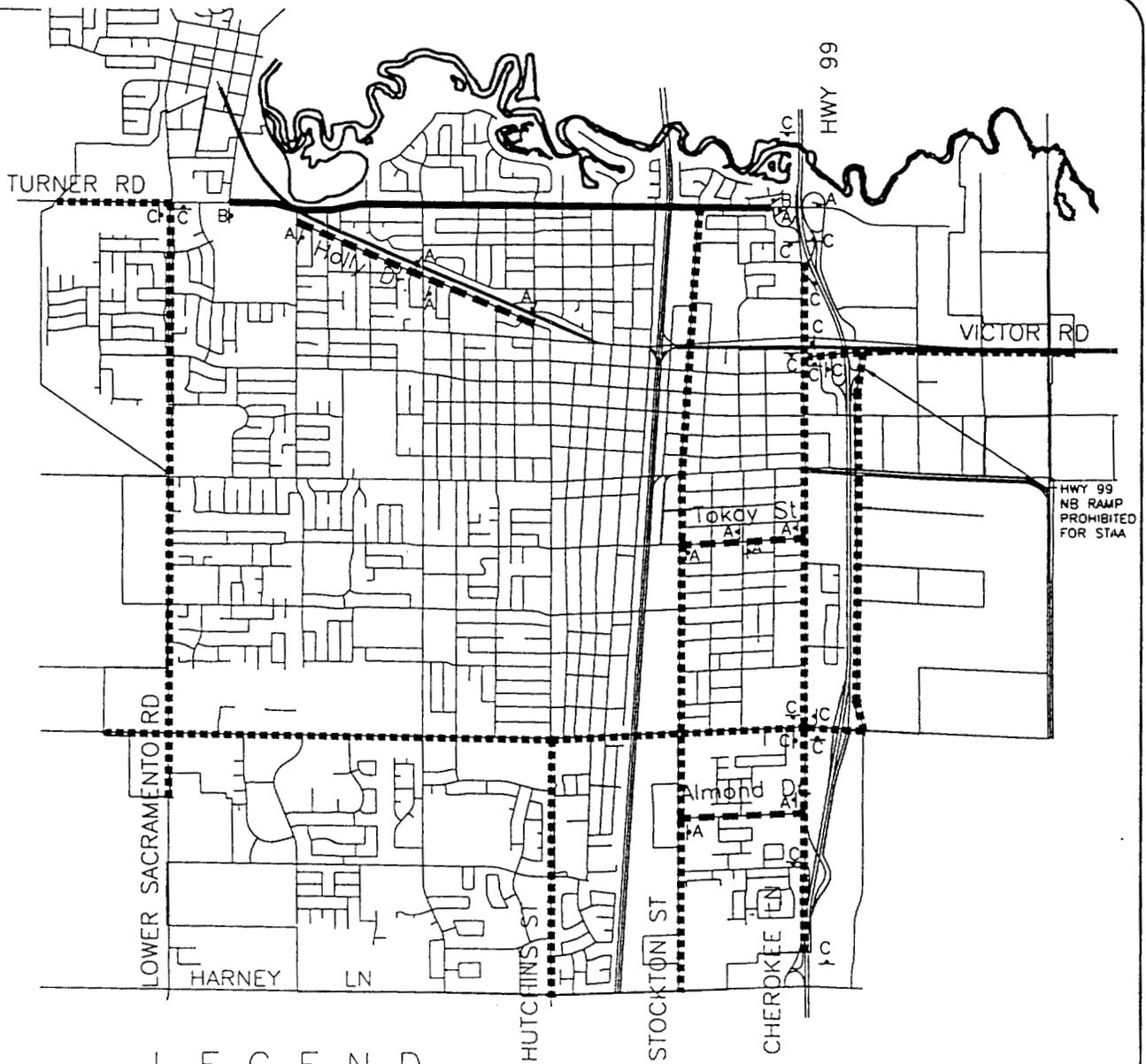
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC RESOLUTION SECTION 8 WEIGHT LIMITS/COMMERCIAL VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS



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| R20B | R20B | G66-56 |
| OVER TWO AXLES | OVER TWO AXLES EXCEPT PICKUPS AND DELIVERIES WITHIN CITY LIMITS | |

- TRUCKS OVER 2 AXLES PROHIBITED (EXCEPT PICKUPS AND DELIVERIES WITHIN CITY LIMITS)
- STAA TRUCK ROUTES
- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OVER 2 AXLES PROHIBITED

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONAL GUIDE SIGNS AS NEEDED

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August 13, 1997

Century Boulevard-Area Businesses:

SUBJECT: Reduction of Truck Traffic on Century Boulevard between Stockton Street and Cherokee Lane

Based on concerns of residents in the area, the restriction of truck travel on Century Boulevard between Stockton Street and Cherokee Lane was reviewed by the City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of August 6. Although City Council did not approve a mandatory truck-travel restriction, they did direct staff to contact businesses in the south Stockton Street area to attempt to reduce truck traffic on this segment of Century Boulevard.

We are asking businesses that use large trucks in their operations to access Highway 99 from either Kettleman Lane or Harney Lane, if possible. For those businesses that only receive deliveries from large trucks, we are requesting that your transporters also be contacted and asked to use these alternate routes. We are not concerned with small, two-axle delivery trucks, but only large trucks with three or more axles.

Although a mandatory truck-travel restriction was not imposed by City Council, your voluntarily cooperation in the reduction of truck traffic on this segment of Century Boulevard would be appreciated. Thank you for your help in this matter, and, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Richard Prima or Rick Kiriu at 333-6706.



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July 31, 1997

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SUBJECT: Century Boulevard between Stockton Street and Cherokee Lane,
Truck Travel Restriction and Related Issues

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, August 6, 1997. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the regular calendar for Council discussion. You are welcome to attend.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

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If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Rick Kiriu at 333-6800, ext. 668.



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& DELI BY ROSE
2370 MAGGIO CIRCLE #13
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