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Attached are the California Trucking Association's Public Comment on Agenda Item 13.A: Generally Prohibit Vehicles Exceeding Three Tons From using Norwalk Boulevard Between Dorland Street and Hunter Avenue

Thank you,
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May 10, 2022

Mayor Joe Vinatieri
City of Whittier
13230 Penn Street
Whittier, CA 90602-1772

RE: Prohibition of Vehicles Exceeding 3 Tons From Using Norwalk Boulevard between Dorland Street and Hunter Avenue

Dear Mayor Vinatieri,

The City of Whittier's Parking and Transportation Commission approved a recommendation on February 17, 2022 that the City Council adopt a resolution to apply a blanket prohibition to vehicles exceeding 3 tons from using Norwalk Boulevard between Dorland Street and Hunter Avenue. The California Trucking Association (CTA) respectfully asks the Whittier City Council to amend the resolution to a night hours prohibition of commercial trucks during the hours of 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., that will not inhibit the supply chain and related goods movement sector and still satisfy concerns raised by members of the community.

CTA understands that the center of concern arises from noise complaints during nighttime hours. During the City of Whittier's Parking and Transportation Commission meeting in February, community members provided public comment stating their concern with nighttime noise from traffic along Norwalk Boulevard. Additionally, Director of Public Works Kyle Cason confirmed that he witnessed an example of the nighttime disruption.

The CTA provided comments during the Commission meeting that our local trucking company members, whose operations will be impacted by the resolution, informed us that they have made provisions not to run their trucks at night on this route, using it only during the morning and daytime hours to make deliveries.

The increase of noise and truck traffic may also be tied to the neighboring City of Cerritos' action to illegally declassify two local truck routes that parallel Norwalk Boulevard. This action by the City of Cerritos has led to the diversion of trucks into neighboring communities.

Additionally, the route being considered in the City of Whittier's resolution is the most direct route for many of our trucking company members, as well as other local businesses nearby, to serve the businesses and citizens of Whittier and nearby communities. For example, this section of Norwalk Boulevard connects our member facilities located in Whittier with Santa Fe Springs, which is also one of the busier areas for commercial pick-ups and deliveries. One of our CTA member facilities has been in operation as a respected member of the Whittier business community and located adjacent to the planned route restriction for over 30 years.



If the route restriction is approved, the alternative routes that will have to be used by commercial carriers doing business in this area will add additional miles to serve the citizens and businesses in the area, increase freeway, highway and local road truck traffic during peak hours of congestion, and will impact commercial truck driver work hours controlled by federal hours-of-service regulations for those drivers serving the area.

Further, in some instances, the diversion of commercial trucks based on the recommended route restriction will force commercial trucks to other local roads that only provide a single lane of traffic to navigate single lane left turns which would require commercial trucks with trailing equipment to turn into oncoming traffic from the opposite lane and, in some instances, resulting in trucks potentially being unable to safely complete the turn.

For all the reasons stated above, we respectfully request the City Council consider amending the resolution to prohibit vehicles exceeding 3 tons from using Norwalk Boulevard between Dorland Street and Hunter Avenue only between the hours of 8:00 PM until 6:00 AM.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric Sauer'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Sauer
Senior Vice President of Government Affairs
California Trucking Association

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