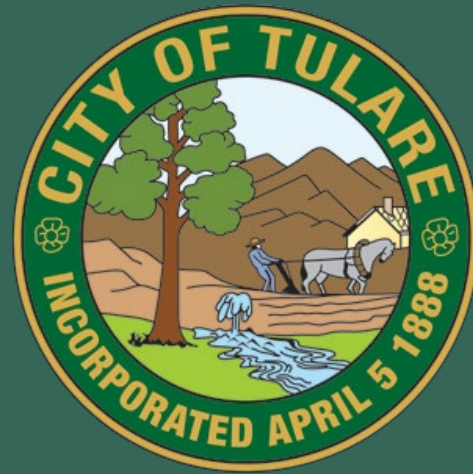

City of Tulare Truck Route Presentation

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Purpose of Truck Routes

Local governments may facilitate safe and efficient trucking in their communities by establishing appropriate truck routes designed with input from both the community and the trucking industry.

Ensure that mobility for all roadway users is preserved, while allowing for the safe and efficient movement of freight and goods so that the local economy continues to prosper.



Selection of Truck Routes

Considerations and key factors:

- Safety, particularly with regard to impacts to bicyclists and pedestrians. Direct trucks onto roadways that have been designed to accommodate them with regard to paved width, lane geometry, and truck turning movements.
- Impact of heavy truck traffic on City infrastructure. Consider the design of the roadway's structural section and its ability to withstand loading, as well as other vulnerable facilities.
- Look at the big picture and consider existing constraints in roadway network. Restricting truck traffic on one roadway will inevitably increase traffic on other roadways.
- Consider both global and local air quality impacts. Imposing excessive limitations to address spot impacts can result in longer trip lengths and more vehicle idling, resulting in an actual increase in community and global impacts.
- Being overly restrictive can unreasonably impact business.
- The truck route network should provide sufficient coverage across the City to allow the majority of trips to be on designated routes and facilitate the needs of business that are located off of designated routes.



Authority To Designate Truck Routes

Per the California Vehicle Code, the City may designate any of its roadways or any section thereof as a truck route and may prohibit the operation of trucks, machinery or any other large or heavy vehicles upon any other of its roadways that serves the same route or area served by the truck route designated.

- Limited to roadways under City jurisdiction.
- Any designation or prohibition made under authority of this section must be imposed by appropriate order, resolution or ordinance.
- A road authority exercising authority under this section shall erect and maintain signs in a conspicuous manner and place at each end of the highway or section of highway where a designation or prohibition is imposed to give notice of the prohibitions or designations imposed. The road authority shall erect and maintain signs giving notice of any prohibitions or designations imposed under this section at such other places as may be necessary to inform the public.
- A prohibition or designation imposed under this section is effective when signs giving notice thereof are posted as required by this section.



Authority To Designate Truck Routes (cont.)

The City has several provisions in its Municipal Code that place restrictions on the movement of trucks within City limits:

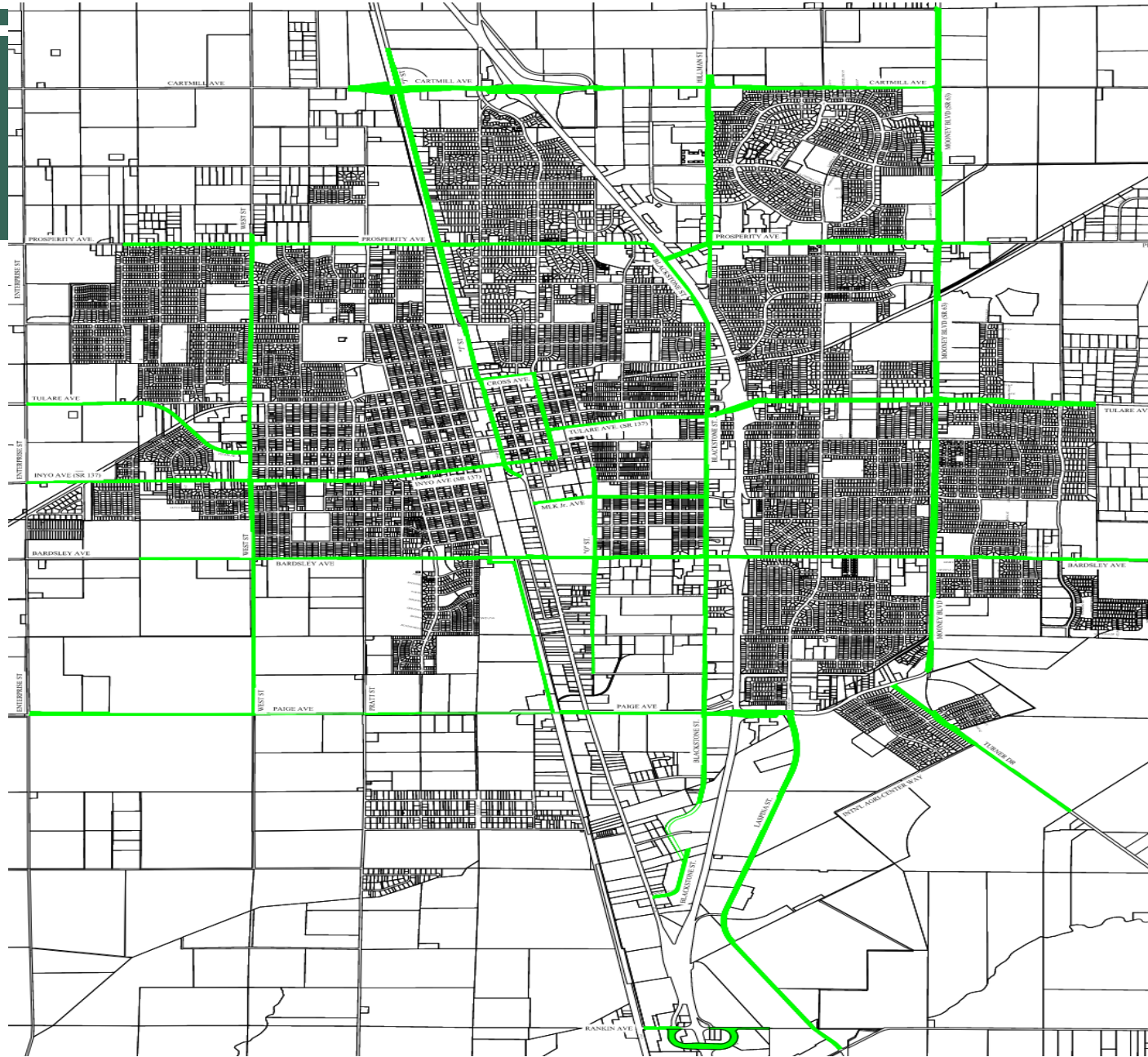
- Municipal Code Chapter 9.32.020 addresses the creation of “truck routes” within the City. Vehicles involved in the carrying of merchandise, freight or materials and having a capacity of two or more tons are directed to utilize these designated routes, which possess the necessary design characteristics to accommodate the heavier vehicle loads and larger turning movements of trucks.
- The routes are established by City Council via ordinance, and are listed in Chapter 9.32.010. The Police Chief and City Engineer are responsible for ensuring that the routes are signed appropriately.
- Per Chapter 9.32.030, truck drivers are required to stay on these designated truck routes, except as required to reach pick-up and/or delivery destinations. In such instances, truck drivers are to take the most direct route possible to and from a designated truck route to the pick-up and/or delivery destination.



Authority To Designate Truck Routes (cont.)

- Chapter 9.36.020 contains additional restrictions on the movement of trucks, specifically prohibiting heavy-laden vehicles, or any vehicle employed in carrying heavy freight, natural oil, crude petroleum, gasoline or regularly employed in carrying goods or merchandise on the following streets:
 - K Street from the north line of Inyo Street to the south line of King Street;
 - Tulare Street from the east line of J Street to the west line of L Street;
 - Kern Street from the east line of J Street to the west line of L Street.
- Per Chapter 9.36.030, the Chief of Police, subject to the approval of the City Manager, is authorized and directed to designate additional streets to address public safety concerns.

The aforementioned portions of the Municipal Code were last adopted in 1995.





Questions / Discussion