



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

July 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Council Direction to Staff Regarding Truck Routes in Wheatland

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Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council consider establishing truck routes in the City of Wheatland and provide direction to staff regarding the matter.

Background/Discussion

The legislative body of any county or city may, by ordinance, permit the operation and movement of vehicles and loads upon roadways under their respective jurisdictions and may issue special permits for the movement of vehicles/loads exceeding statutory State limitations on the size, weight, and loading of vehicles as specified in Division 15, Chapter 5, Article 6 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC). Therefore, the City of Wheatland may, at its discretion, establish an ordinance to regulate certain trucks and issue special permits to operate or move semi-trucks exceeding the maximums specified in the CVC.

Reasons for establishing truck routes may include:

- traffic safety
- pedestrian safety
- property damage
- to prevent damage to roadway pavements, culverts and bridges from overweight vehicles
- to prevent movements where physical limitations/clearance exist for oversize vehicles
- to limit on-street parking of semi-trucks

The CVC defines maximums for vehicle length, width, height, weight, overhang and low clearances. Length limits/maximums consist of 40-feet for single-units, 65-feet for single-trailers, 65-foot or 75-feet for doubles. Weight limits vary by the number of truck axles and axle spacing.

The CVC includes exemptions for vehicles like fire trucks, certain agricultural equipment, tow trucks, automobile transport trucks and moving vans. Enforcement would be provided by the Wheatland Police Department.

Staff requests the City Council provide direction regarding the potential establishment of truck routes in the City of Wheatland.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

Attachments

None