



# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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January 28, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 4255 Amending Chapter 58 of the Pomona City Code to Modify Truck Route Designations; and Adoption of a Resolution Making a Finding of General Plan Conformity**

## OVERVIEW

**Recommendation** – That the City Council:

1. Adopt, at second reading, Ordinance No. 4255 (Attachment 1) amending Chapter 58 of the Pomona City Code regarding designated truck routes in the City; and
2. Adopt a resolution (Attachment 2) making a finding of General Plan conformity for amending Chapter 58 of the Pomona City Code.

**Fiscal Impact** – It is anticipated that there will be a minor impact of less than \$1,000 for sign replacements or removals which can be funded within the existing Paint and Sign Operational Budget.

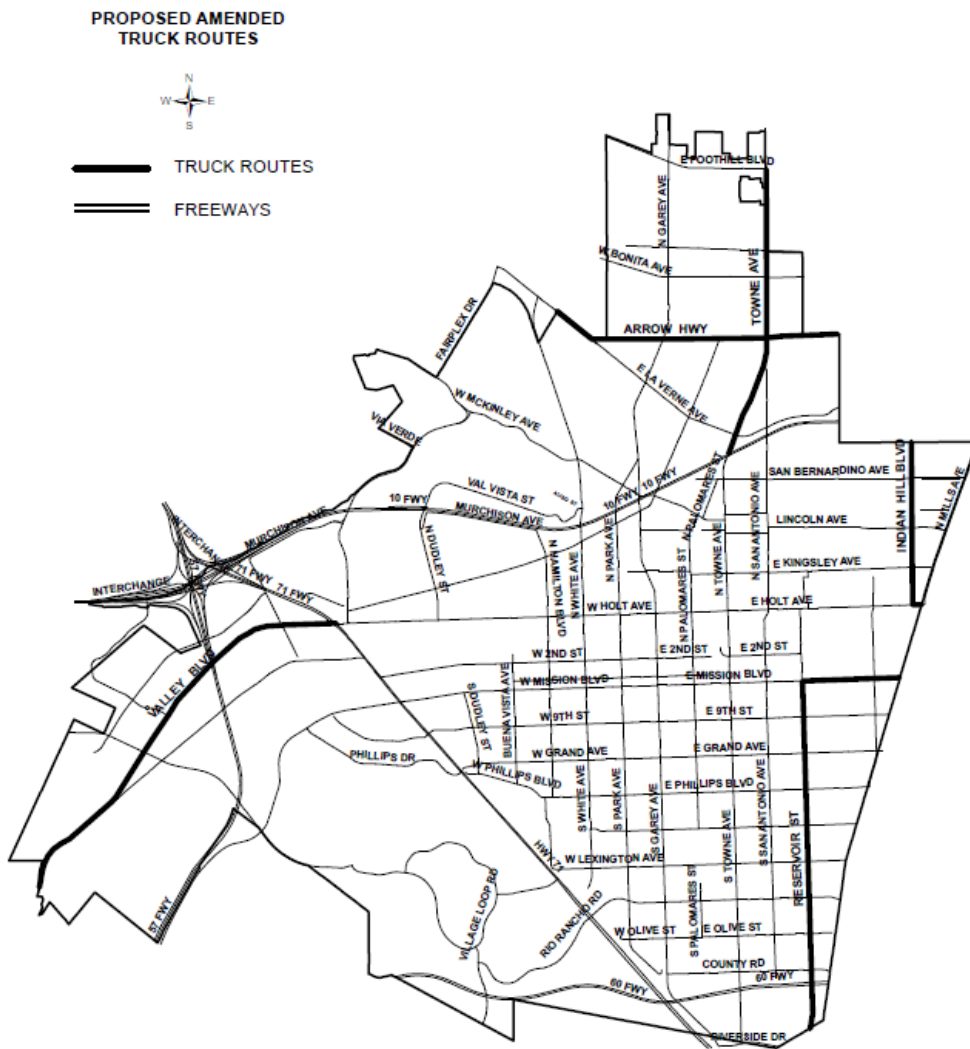
**Public Noticing Requirements** – None.

**Previous Council Action** – On January 7, 2019, the City Council introduced the first reading of an Ordinance No. 4255 amending Chapter 58 of the Pomona City Code regarding designated truck routes in the City.

**Environmental Impact** – Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1 Section 15301(c), adoption of a citywide truck route ordinance to amend existing sections with specified streets is categorically exempt from CEQA because the truck routes make use of the existing roadways currently used by trucks. No new segments of roads have been identified for truck routes that are not currently used by trucks. As a result, the adoption of the recommended truck routes would not change the distribution of truck traffic compared to existing conditions.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ordinance No. 4255 will modify truck route designations by amending the Pomona City Code and updating the General Plan Update. The modifications are mainly a reduction in the streets designated as truck routes and are set forth in the table included in Ordinance No. 4255. As indicated in the Resolution, the revised truck routes are consistent with the General Mobility and Access Element of the City's General Plan. The proposed truck routes are depicted in the following map, the signage will be updated immediately, and enforcement will be effective thirty days after adoption of the ordinance:



## DISCUSSION

A truck route network is intended to provide guidance for preferred routes to accommodate heavy vehicles. A street designated as a truck route allows for any commercial vehicle exceeding a maximum

gross weight limit of three tons to utilize it even if they do not have business in the City. It should be noted that when such truck routes are established and designated, a truck is still allowed to use any City street for deliveries and/or service-based trips even in areas where streets are not designated as a truck route.

The City of Pomona currently has an extensive truck route system (Attachment 3) that was developed at a time of rapid growth and in anticipation of the need to accommodate heavy vehicles on many City streets. While trucks currently travel on many City streets, field observations clearly indicate that the volume of trucks on City streets does not justify such an extensive truck circulation system.

The City makes every effort to maintain direct access from industrial and special event-oriented land use districts to expressways and other high-capacity regional thoroughfares. As determined during the preparation of the General Plan Update, adopted in 2014, those streets with higher volumes of pedestrians and bicyclists, along with relatively few trucks, were reclassified as non-truck routes. As such, the 2014 General Plan Update identifies proposed changes to the truck route system in the City (Attachment 4) to achieve a balance by removing routes that do not provide direct connections to these expressways and major transportation corridors.

At its meeting of September 8, 2014, City Council was scheduled to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending the City Code to modify the truck route designations as adopted by the General Plan Update. However, just prior to the meeting, there were concerns communicated to Staff regarding some of the proposed amended truck routes. For example, Garey Avenue should not be considered a truck route because it does not provide a direct connection to the 210 Freeway, nor is it conducive to accommodating truck traffic directly past Pomona Valley Hospital or the anticipated Gold Line station. Ultimately, the item was removed from the agenda.

In September 2017, in an effort to further improve the environmental quality, safety and appearance of the City, Clean & Green Pomona approached Staff regarding the issue of truck routes in the City, and their potential negative impact to the community. There have been several discussions with the group that resulted in revisions to the truck route proposals.

In 2018, the City hired a traffic consultant to conduct a truck count at various points throughout the City to evaluate the extent to which trucks utilize City streets as a pass-through to avoid freeway congestion. The data confirmed that the number of trucks passing through Pomona was minimal. The data indicated that the trucks appeared to be using the truck routes to get to businesses within the City. After evaluating the data and further discussions between Staff and Clean & Green Pomona, Staff proposes a modification to the truck route designations (Attachment 5) by amending the Pomona City Code and updating the General Plan Update. The proposed modifications are consistent with the City's General Mobility and Access Element of the General Plan.

This is the second reading for the adoption of Ordinance No. 4255. If approved at this meeting, Staff will then promptly implement sign replacements or removals, where appropriate. Enforcement will be effective thirty days after adoption of the ordinance. Additionally, Staff will continue to coordinate

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with representatives from Caltrans related to signage and truck routes.

Attachments: 1. Ordinance No. 4255 Amending Chapter 58 of Pomona City Code  
2. Resolution – General Plan Conformity  
3. Map-Existing Truck Routes  
4. Map-General Plan Update Truck Routes  
5. Map-Proposed Truck Routes

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