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NOTICE

DATE: December 2, 2010

FROM: David A. Kleinschmidt, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed changes to Vallejo Truck Routes and Vehicle Parking

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On December 14, 2010 the Vallejo City Council will consider modifications to the ordinances that designate truck routes and regulate vehicle parking within the Vallejo City limits.

Truck routes in the City of Vallejo have not been evaluated since 1998 when portions of Tennessee Street, Mare Island Way, Curtola Parkway, Lemon Street, Solano Avenue, Benicia Road, Columbus Parkway, Sacramento Street, and Broadway were designated as truck routes. Staff is recommending that only Columbus Parkway remain a truck route from the above list.

Mare Island has no designated truck routes. Due to the unique nature of the roadway network on Mare Island, Staff is recommending certain roadway segments on Mare Island be designated as truck routes to minimize truck traffic in the non-commercial and residential areas of the island:

Mare Island Causeway is only to be used as a truck route in the case that the northern access to Mare Island at State Highway 37 is closed for any reason.

It should be noted that an operator of a vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight of five tons may drive on any restricted street provided, that the purpose of such trip is to make a local delivery or pickup and that the course of travel of such vehicle is such as to reasonably minimize the distance it travels on restricted streets in reaching its point of delivery or pickup from a designated truck route.

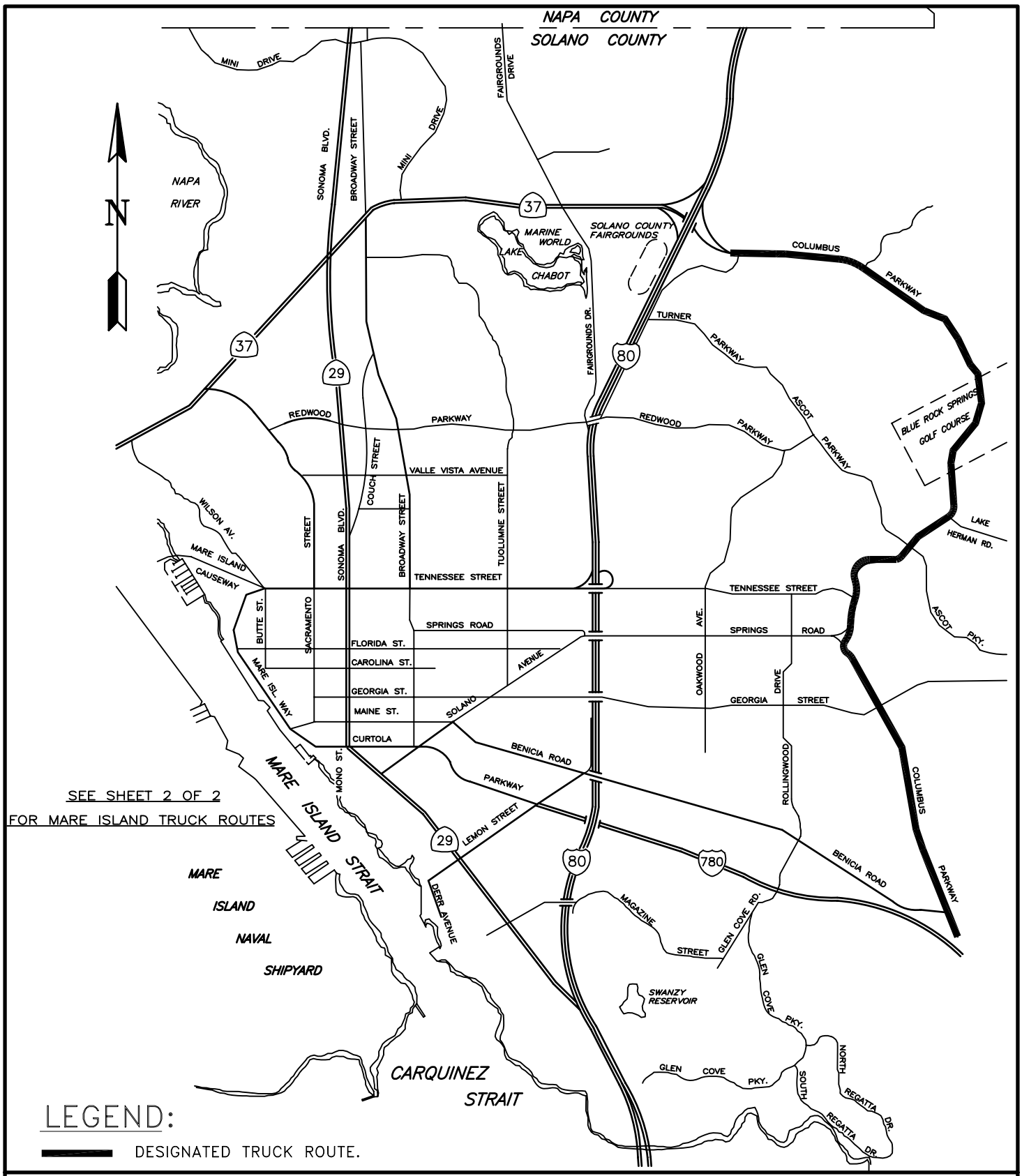
Public Works staff has worked with the Vallejo Police Department to amend the existing truck route section (8.36) of the Vallejo Municipal Code in order to reduce the impact of large commercial truck traffic on Vallejo streets while still providing the business community the ability to ship and receive their products. Based on our analysis staff believes that the proposed modifications will not add to the cost of pick up or delivery to local businesses.

In addition to large trucks driving on our city streets, the Vallejo Police Department and Engineering staff has identified a safety concern with large trucks parking on the street. Section 8.24.010(Q) of the Vallejo Municipal Code restricts house cars, busses, camp trailers, mobile homes, motor trucks having a manufacturer's rated capacity in excess of three-quarters ton, school busses, semitrailers,

trailers, trailer coaches, or truck tractors, either singly or in combination from parking in residential districts. There is currently no way to specifically restrict commercial truck and trailer parking in the City of Vallejo outside of residential districts. Often times trucks over 6 feet in height obstruct the sight distance when parked in legal on-street parking areas where passenger vehicles would not pose a problem. There are also areas in the City of Vallejo where trucks detach their trailers and leave them stored in public right-of-way and where refrigerated semi truck and trailer combinations stop overnight leaving their equipment running resulting in noise complaints. Accordingly, staff recommends amending this chapter by restricting these vehicles from stopping, standing, and parking in the public right-of-way unless they are actively engaged in a pickup or delivery.

As part of this notice you will find the proposed truck route maps and a redline version of the proposed changes to the existing municipal code sections.

If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact Edd Alberto, Associate Engineer at (707) 648-4300 or email at ealberto@ci.vallejo.ca.us.



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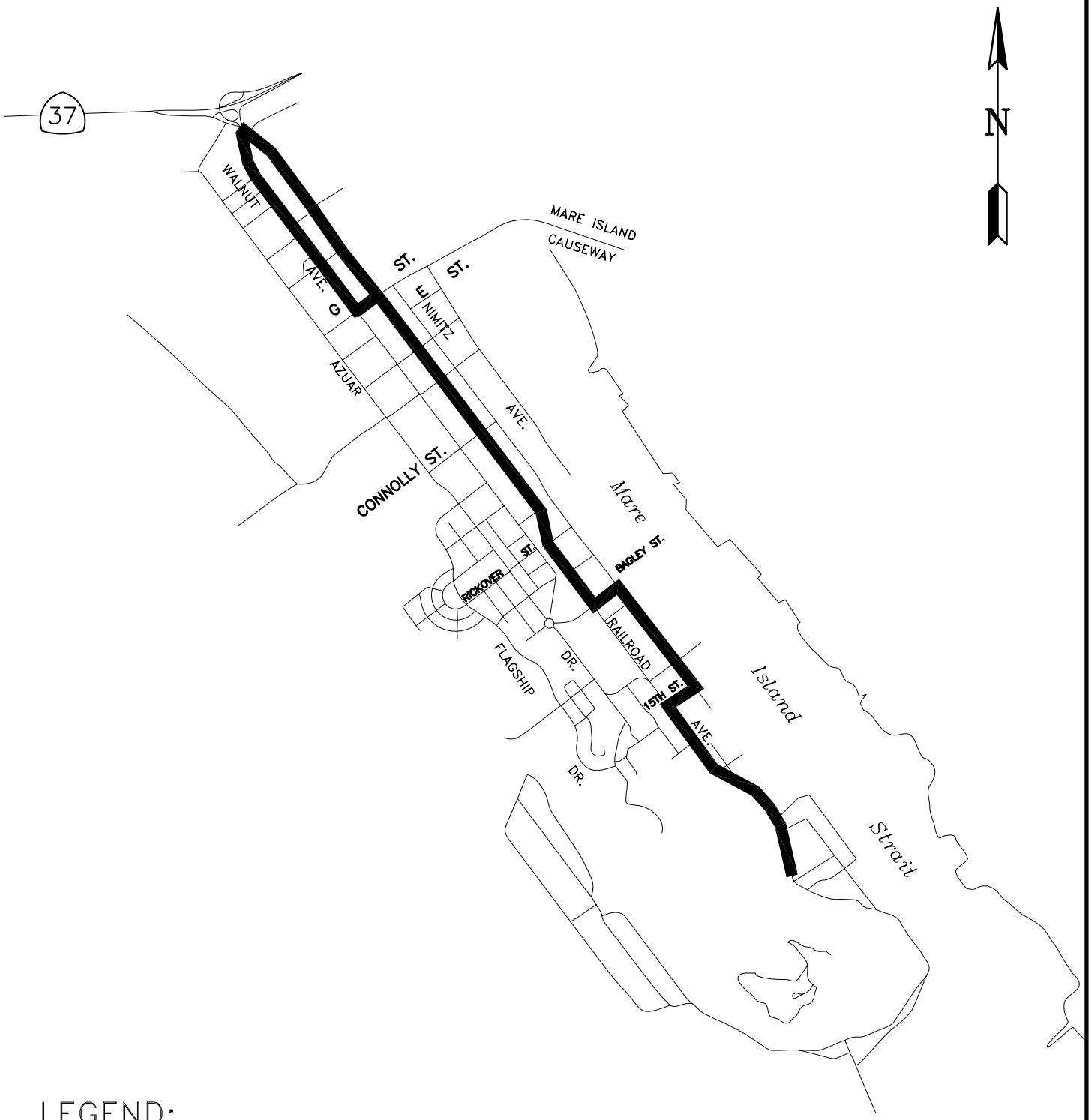

LEGEND:

DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTE

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Chapter 8.36 - TRUCK ROUTES

8.36.010 - Designation by signs.

Whenever any resolution of this city designates and describes any street or portion thereof as a street, the use of which is permitted by any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit of ~~three~~ five tons, the city ~~traffic~~ engineer is authorized to designate such street or streets by appropriate signs as "Truck Route" for the movement of vehicles exceeding a maximum gross weight limit of ~~three~~ five tons. Any other street, or portion thereof, not so designated or described, is a restricted street for purposes of this title.

(Ord. 850 N.C.(2d) § 1, 1986: Ord. 32 N.C.(2d) § 11.00(a), 1971.)

8.36.020 – Local streets defined

For the purposes of this title, local streets are defined as all streets in the Corporate Limits of the City of Vallejo except Interstate 80, Interstate 780, State Highway 29 and State Highway 37.

8.36.030 – Local streets restricted.

Under no circumstance shall any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit of five tons travel on local streets, unless;

A. the vehicle has been issued a permit pursuant to Sections 8.40.050 through 8.40.070; or
B. the vehicle is making a local delivery or pickup as defined in Section 8.36.080 only accessible by local streets; or
C. the vehicle meets exemptions pursuant to Section 8.36.090.
D. the street is designated as a truck route pursuant to Section 8.36.040.

8.36.040 - Streets designated as Truck Routes.

Those streets and part of streets described in a city council resolution on file at the city clerk's office are declared to be truck routes for the movement of vehicles exceeding the maximum gross weight of ~~three~~ five tons.

(Ord. 1403 N.C.(2d) § 1, 1998: Ord. 850 N.C.(2d) § 5, 1986: Ord. 32 N.C.(2d) § 11.00(d), 1971.)

8.36.0~~2~~70 - Use by certain vehicles required.

When any such truck traffic route or routes are established and designated by appropriate signs the operator of any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit of ~~three~~ five tons shall drive on such route or routes and none other, unless the vehicle

has been issued a permit pursuant to Sections 8.40.050 through 8.40.070, inclusive, which permit is upon or within the vehicle, except that nothing in this title shall prohibit the operator of any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight of ~~three~~ five tons from driving on any restricted street as defined in this chapter; provided, that the purpose of such trip is to make a local delivery or pickup as hereinafter defined; and provided further, that the course of travel of such vehicle is such as to reasonably minimize the distance it travels on restricted streets in reaching its point of delivery or pickup from a designated truck route.

(Ord. 850 N.C.(2d) § 2, 1986: Ord. 32 N.C.(2d) § 11.00(b), 1971.)

8.36.0~~24~~80 - Local delivery or pickup defined.

For purposes of this chapter, a "local delivery or pickup" means the delivery or pickup of goods, wares, products or supplies to a building, structure or other premises located on a restricted street, for use or sale by the occupant of such building, structure or premises, such use or offering for sale to occur primarily upon or within the premises. Local delivery and pickup includes the transport of items necessary to the location or relocation of any occupant or future occupant of the premises, as well as the transport of materials and supplies to be used in the bona fide repair, alteration, remodeling or construction of any building, structure or other premises located on a restricted street, and for which all required construction permits have been issued. The delivery or pickup of any goods, wares, products or supplies which have been or will be transshipped to any other place by any means of carriage whatsoever is not a local delivery or pickup.

(Ord. 850 N.C.(2d) § 3, 1986.)

8.36.0~~3~~90 - Exemptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:
A. Passenger buses under the jurisdiction of the public utilities commission or a public agency; or
B. Any vehicle owned by a public utility, public agency or a licensed contractor while necessarily in use in the construction, installation or repair of any public utility or public facility; or~~.~~
C. Passenger buses under the jurisdiction of the local school district; or
D. Emergency response vehicles; or
E. Single rear axle standard package delivery vehicles

(Ord. 850 N.C.(2d) § 4, 1986: Ord. 32 N.C.(2d) § 11.00(c), 1971.)

8.24.010 - Prohibited or restricted in certain places—Exceptions.

(Subsection A to P, unchanged)

Q. A person shall not stop, stand, or park a house car, bus, camp trailer, mobile home, motor truck having a manufacturer's rated capacity in excess of three-quarters ton, school bus, semitrailer, trailer, trailer coach, or truck tractor, either singly or in combination, ~~on any street, alley or parkway in a residence district as same is defined in Section 515 of the Vehicle Code of the state~~ within the public right-of-way, unless such vehicle is actively engaged in the delivery or receipt of appliances, equipment, furniture, household goods, materials, merchandise, passengers or supplies at an adjacent commercial establishment, designated loading area, lot, office building, or residence, and then only for such period of time that the loading or unloading operation is actually in progress.

(Subsection R and S, unchanged)