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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: March 3, 2015

Subject

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Amending Section 11.32 of the Cupertino Municipal Code Relating to Truck Traffic Routes.

Recommended Action

Conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 15-_____.

Discussion

On October 27, 2014, Ethan Wong, a Monta Vista High School student, was involved in a fatal collision with a large truck while riding his bicycle to school along McClellan Road. Currently, Cupertino Municipal Code section 11.32 restricts trucks over three tons to designated truck routes, except a truck may deviate from a designated truck route in order to proceed by the shortest and most direct route from a designated truck route to or from a destination. The designated truck routes within the city include segments of De Anza Blvd, Foothill Blvd, Homestead Road, Stevens Canyon Road, Stevens Creek Blvd, Tantau Avenue and Wolfe Road. McClellan Road is not a designated truck route. The truck involved in the fatal collision was traveling to a destination within Cupertino, so was permitted to deviate from the designated truck route under the current ordinance. There are currently no additional restrictions or exemptions specified within the Code relating to time of day or school zones.

In order to enhance safety and reduce potential conflicts during the times when students are traveling to or from school, staff is recommending an additional restriction be placed upon trucks over three tons traveling within school zones during these periods. Specifically, trucks would be prohibited from travelling along minor collector or local roadways that are contiguous to and within 500 feet of the grounds of a primary K-12 public school between the hours of 7:00 and 9:30 a.m., and between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are alternative east/west and north/south routes for truck deliveries to most areas of Cupertino. The prohibition would be comprehensive and there would no longer be an exception given for trucks traveling by the shortest and most direct route to or from a destination. With signage that would be installed, this ordinance will be enforced by the Sheriff's Department. The prohibition

would not apply to emergency response vehicles, or to solid waste, garbage or recycling trucks and street sweepers operating on their established routes.

Due to the difficulty in tracking the number and locations of private schools, staff recommends limiting the prohibition to public schools at this time. Additionally, staff recommends exempting major collectors and arterials from the prohibition due to potential impacts to truck commerce. Regulations on major corridors would also require coordination with other jurisdictions and the County to ensure that they remain consistent with the adopted Congestion Management Plan. This latter exemption would affect only Homestead High School and Hyde Middle School; all other public schools within Cupertino would be covered under the ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

In order to enforce the truck prohibitions, signs will need to be posted on the affected streets. Currently, school zone signage exists at these locations; these signs will need to be supplemented with new signs which state “No Trucks” and indicate the hours of the prohibition. The cost of installing street signs is incorporated into the annual public works operation and maintenance budget, and will result in no additional fiscal impact.

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Attachments:

A – Draft Ordinance

B – Draft Redlined Ordinance