Council Meeting of
August 21, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Development – Adopt an ORDINANCE amending Section 61.9.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code related to Truck Routes.

Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

1) Adopt an **ORDINANCE** amending Section 61.9.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code related to Truck Routes Established; and
2) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On August 6, 2012, an item was brought before the Traffic Commission regarding proposed truck routes designation. Staff proposed that the newly constructed segment of Del Amo Boulevard between Maple Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard be designated as part of the established Truck Routes and Maple Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Maricopa Street be eliminated from the established Truck Routes.

After reviewing the report and discussing this matter, the Traffic Commission concurred with staff's recommendation and directed staff to bring an item to the City Council to amend Section 61.9.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code to designate the newly constructed segment of Del Amo Boulevard as a truck route and remove Maple Avenue south of Del Amo Boulevard from the established truck routes.

Attached to this item is the Traffic Commission report addressing the proposed truck route segment and elimination of an existing truck route.

Once this newly constructed segment of Del Amo Boulevard has been designated as a truck route, commercial vehicles exceeding 8,000 pounds can utilize this segment to access the industrial sites along Maple Avenue and the area east of Maple Avenue.

Re-designating Maple Avenue to a none truck route will not affect the truck traffic since Section 61.9.3 d) allows commercial vehicles exceeding 8,000 pounds to use a none truck route street as long as the segment is the direct route to get to and from the destination. Maple Avenue would be considered as a direct route to access the areas of predominately industrial uses along Maple Avenue and east of Maple Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
Community Development Director

By _____
Gregg Lodan, AICP
Planning Manager

CONCUR:

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Jeffery W. Gibson
Community Development Director

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John J. Neu
Chief of Police

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LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments:

A) Ordinance amending Section 61.9.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code
B) Location Map
C) Traffic Commission Item August 6, 2012
D) Proof of Publication
E) Mayor's Script (limited distribution)

Attachment A

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.9.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO TRUCK ROUTES.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

Section 61.9.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code is amended, to read in its entirety, as follows.

"Any commercial vehicle exceeding the maximum gross weight of eight thousand (8,000) pounds may use the following:

a) Anza Avenue between the northerly City limits and Sepulveda Boulevard;
b) Arlington Avenue between the southerly City limits and Sepulveda Boulevard;
c) Artesia Boulevard between the easterly and westerly City limits;
d) Cabrillo Avenue between Torrance and Sepulveda Boulevards;
e) Carson Street between the easterly City limits and Anza Avenue;
f) Crenshaw Boulevard between the northerly and southerly City limits;
g) Del Amo Boulevard between the westerly City limits and Hawthorne Boulevard;
h) Hawthorne Boulevard between the northerly and southerly City limits;
i) Lomita Boulevard between the easterly City limits and Hawthorne Boulevard;
j) Pacific Coast Highway between the easterly and westerly City limits;
k) Palos Verdes Boulevard between the southerly City limits and Sepulveda Boulevard;
l) Redondo Beach Boulevard (eastbound only) between the easterly and westerly City limits;
m) Sepulveda Boulevard between the easterly and westerly City limits;
n) Torrance Boulevard between the easterly and westerly City limits;
o) Van Ness Avenue between 190th Street and Torrance Boulevard;
p) Western Avenue between the northerly and southerly City limits;
q) 182nd Street from Crenshaw Boulevard easterly to the San Diego Freeway;
r) 190th Street between the easterly and westerly City limits;
s) Prairie Avenue between 190th Street and Del Amo Boulevard;
t) Del Amo Boulevard between Prairie Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.

The intention of this Article is to provide passage routes in the City of Torrance for commercial vehicles exceeding eight thousand (8,000) pounds on the foregoing streets only. The City of Torrance shall cause to be erected and maintained appropriate signs within the City designating as truck routes those streets over which commercial

vehicles exceeding eight thousand (8,000) gross pounds may be driven. This Article shall be effective at such time as said signs have been erected. The City Clerk shall keep and maintain accurate maps available to the public setting out streets upon which traffic is permitted by commercial vehicles exceeding eight thousand (8,000) gross pounds. "

SECTION 2

Any inconsistent provisions of the Torrance Municipal Code, or any other inconsistent ordinances of the City, are repealed, to the extent of the inconsistencies.

SECTION 3

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason deemed or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect that validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Torrance hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or other portions might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4

This ordinance will take effect thirty days after the date of its adoption. Within fifteen days following adoption, this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance, if authorized by the City Council, will be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED and APPROVED this _____day of _____, 2012.

ADOPTED and PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

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Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. ____

SUMMARY

On _____, 2012, the City Council of the City of Torrance adopted an ordinance amending section 69.1.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code relating to truck routes.

The amended ordinance adjusts the streets identified as truck routes and explicitly states that violations of the truck route ordinance are infractions.

*****City Clerk to add a paragraph stating that copies of the ordinance are available at the City Clerk's office and stating the names of the City Council members that voted in favor and those that voted against.*****

STREET MAP of Established TRUCK ROUTES in the City of TORRANCE

FRANK SCOTTO, MAYOR

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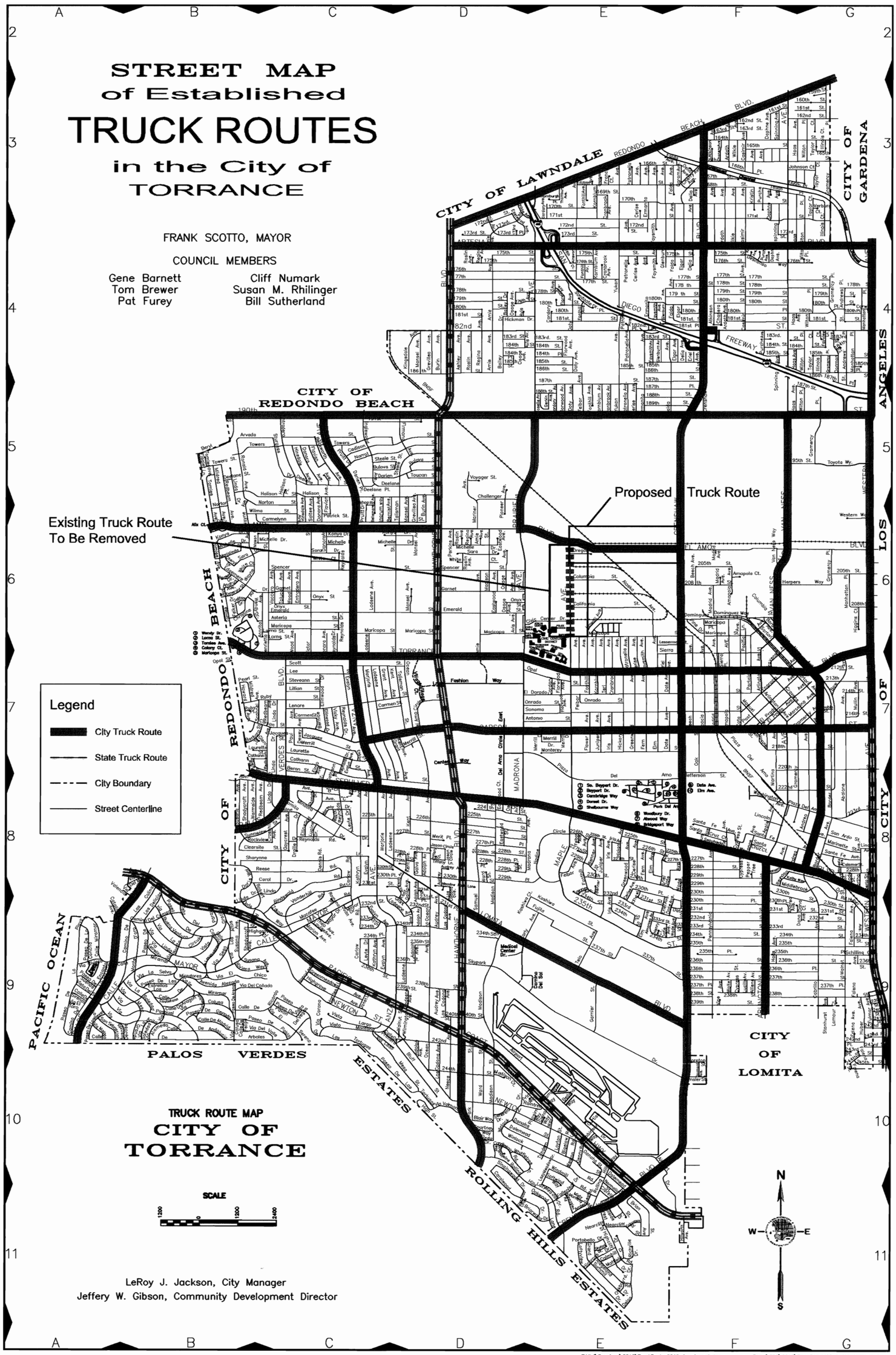

LeRoy J. Jackson, City Manager
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Traffic Commission Meeting
August 6, 2012

Agenda Item No. 7b

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Gregg Lodan, AICP
Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Designate newly extended roadway segment along Del Amo Boulevard between Maple Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard as Truck Route and eliminate current Truck Route designation along Maple Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Maricopa Street

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Director recommends that the Traffic Commission:

a) Review staff report;
b) Concur with staff's recommendation to designate the newly extended roadway segment of Del Amo Boulevard between Maple Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard as a Truck Route and eliminate the current Truck Route designation along Maple Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Maricopa Street; and
c) Direct staff to prepare an item to the City Council to amend Section 61.9.2 (Truck Routes Established) of the Torrance Municipal Code

BACKGROUND

In 2010, the Public Works Department began the construction to extend Del Amo Boulevard from Maple Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard through mostly vacant pieces of land within an industrial area. The Del Amo Boulevard roadway extension project will connect the gap between Maple Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard creating a through east/west roadway from east City limits to west City limits. The project is funded through the Federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Economic Stimulus funds), the METRO, Proposition 1B and Proposition C.

The Public Works Department anticipates the completion of the newly extended 4-lane divided roadway segment in August of this year and the opening of the roadway to the general public in late August.

ANALYSIS

Currently, the existing segment of Del Amo Boulevard west of Maple Avenue and Maple Avenue south of Del Amo Boulevard are designated as truck routes. The truck route designation allows trucks to travel on to get to their destinations. In the vicinity of the project area, some of the destination points for the truck traffic are along Maple Avenue and the industrial area east of Maple Avenue.

To access this industrial area, truck traffic coming southbound on Crenshaw Boulevard would have to turn west on Maricopa Street. With the Del Amo Boulevard extension, truck traffic coming southbound on Crenshaw Boulevard can utilize this newly extended segment to access or exit the above-referenced industrial area. With this in mind, the Del Amo extension project is designed to also accommodate truck traffic.

Should the new truck route designation along Del Amo Boulevard be implemented, the existing truck route designation along Maple Avenue south of Del Amo Boulevard will no longer be necessary. The Torrance municipal code Section 61.9.3 d) allows truck traffic to access its destination through a direct route. This segment of Maple Avenue can be used as the most direct route to access this industrial area without the need for a truck route designation. Therefore, staff is recommending that the newly extended segment of Del Amo Boulevard be classified as a truck route and eliminate the current truck route designation along Maple Avenue south of Del Amo Boulevard.

Once the Traffic Commission concurs with staff recommendations, staff will then bring an item to the City Council to amend the Torrance Municipal Code to include the new segment of Del Amo Boulevard as a truck route and eliminate the existing truck route designation along Maple Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By _____
Gregg Lodan, AICP
Planning Manager

Attachments:
A) Proposed Truck Route Map

ATTACHMENT D

Daily Breeze

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Los Angeles,

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the **THE DAILY BREEZE**

a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published

in the City of **Torrance***
County of Los Angeles, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the date of

June 10, 1974

Case Number **SWC7146**
that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement there of on the following dates, to-wit

August 10,

all in the year 2012

the foregoing is true and correct.
Dated at Torrance

California, this 10 August 2012

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Torrance City Council at **7:00 p.m., August 21, 2012** in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California, on the following matter:

City Council consideration of an ORDINANCE amending Section 61.9.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code related to Truck Routes.

Material can be reviewed in the Community Development Department. All persons interested in the above matter are requested to be present at the hearing or to submit their comments to the City Clerk, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503, prior to the public hearing.

If you challenge the above matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Community Development Department or the office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing, and further, by the terms of Resolution No. 88-19, you may be limited to ninety (90) days in which to commence such legal action pursuant to Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Development Department at (310) 618-5990. If you need a special hearing device to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 618-2870. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting [28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II].

For further information, contact the **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIVISION** of the Community Development Department at (310) 618-5990.

SUE HERBERS
CITY CLERK

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