



DATE: January 25, 2023

AGENDA ITEM #6

TO: Complete Streets Commission

FROM: Marisa Lee, Transportation Services Manager

SUBJECT: Los Altos - Truck Routes Network

ATTACHMENTS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and Provide Input on Proposed New Truck Routes in Los Altos and the Location of New Truck Restrictions

INTRODUCTION

Within the City of Los Altos there are three existing truck routes:

- El Camino Real Entire Length through the City
- Foothill Exp Entire Length through the City
- San Antonio Rd El Camino Real to Foothill Exp

Trucks are permitted on local streets outside of the above approved streets for deliveries to local businesses. Truck drivers seeking to travel through the City outside of the above designated streets are required to obtain a permit from the Police Department.

The City is seeking to introduce additional truck routes along Homestead Rd to allow connectivity with adjacent neighbor agency truck routes and on El Monte Avenue to support connectivity to the Downtown. In addition to the two proposed new truck routes the City is also seeking to introduce new Truck Route Restrictions to discourage trucks from entering onto local streets.

BACKGROUND

An evaluation of the Los Altos – Truck Route network is within the Complete Streets Commission Work Plan. As part of preparing for this item staff prepared the map in Attachment A – Los Altos Truck Route Network to document existing and proposed modifications to the City’s truck route network.

DISCUSSION

Truck Routes support the ability for deliveries to commercial districts within the City that support regional and local shopping. In Los Altos commercial shopping districts are located at the following locations:

Table A
Los Altos Shopping Districts

The existing truck routes along El Camino Real, Foothill Exp, and San Antonio Rd allow for deliveries to the above shopping districts.

Introducing Homestead Rd between Foothill Exp and the southwest City Limits as a designated truck route allows for connectivity with approved truck routes in the City of Cupertino.

Introducing El Monte Avenue between I-280 and Foothill Exp will allow for more direct connection to Downtown Los Altos.

In addition to introducing new truck routes, staff also conducted an inventory of existing Truck Restriction signage throughout the City to determine if any additional new truck route restriction signage is appropriate. Existing truck restrictions exist at the following locations:

Table B
Existing Truck Route Restriction Sign Locations

In truck route restrictions in the City are designated using “text” message signs noting a 3-Ton prohibition on streets where the signs are posted.



Ex. Los Altos Truck
Route Restriction Sign

New truck route restrictions are recommended at the following locations in efforts to discourage trucks on local streets within the City.

Table C
Proposed Truck Route Restriction Sign Locations

• Los Altos Ave at El Camino Real	• Grant Rd Frontage Rd at Grant Rd
• Los Altos Ave at Edith Ave	• Grant Rd Frontage Rd at Homestead Rd
• Jordan Ave at San Antonio Rd	• Cuesta Dr & Plaza Ct (Mountain View)
• El Monte Ave & Springer Rd	

Los Altos previously requested the City of Mountain View consider the installation of truck route restrictions on Cuesta Dr at Plaza Ct to discourage truckers leaving Safeway at Miramonte Ave & Cuesta Dr from continuing North on Cuesta Dr to Safeway in Downtown Los Altos. Mountain View has not responded to Los Altos requests but new requests with Commission support are encouraged.

In addition to introducing new truck route restriction locations, staff recommends signage any new and existing restrictions with new signs that introduce a clearer truck restriction along with the 3 Ton restriction.

The proposed truck route restriction sign is similar to signs installed on Cuesta Dr at Springer Rd.



Proposed Truck
Route
Restriction Sign

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and provide input on the location of proposed new truck routes and proposed truck route restriction signs.