



STAFF REPORT

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2014
To: Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager
From: Kevin Rohani, P.E. Public Works Director/ City Engineer
SUBJECT: New Truck Routes for City of Oakley

Approved and Forwarded to City Council:


Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

Background and Analysis

The *Oakley Municipal Code* establishes various rules and regulations and contains all ordinances for the City of Oakley. The *Code* is updated from time to time as new ordinances are adopted by the City Council.

Section 6.1.306 of the *Oakley Municipal Code*, under the authority of the California Vehicle Code section 35701 (b), established the "Through Truck Route" as beginning from Main Street from Highway 160 to Delta Road.

Main Street was part of the old Highway 4 and for decades had been under the jurisdiction of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans); however, over the last several years a lot has changed in the City of Oakley and in East Contra Costa County. The construction and extension of the new Highway 4 has brought better access and visibility to the region. In addition, CalTrans has relinquished Main Street to the City and separated it from the State Highway system.

The City has undertaken a revitalization of Main Street in its Downtown, including construction of the new City Hall, Civic Center Park, Oakley Plaza and its associated retail centers, Amphitheater, and the planning for a future Library at the Civic Center campus. The transformation of Main Street in the Downtown area has been a great success and will continue to progress in the future as part of the redevelopment of Downtown Oakley into a vibrant commercial area that is a pedestrian-friendly centerpiece for the community.

The use of Main Street as a "Through Truck Route" has been a concern for some time, in light of the new transformation of the Downtown to a pedestrian-friendly retail/commercial zone. Large trucks that have continued using Main Street as a haul route cause congestion and traffic backups. In addition, the flow of large trucks does not help in creating a safe pedestrian and bicycle friendly corridor. By removing the "Through Truck Route" designation from Main Street in Downtown, it will help promote a safer area for all users and improve the vitality of the commercial areas along Main Street.

Staff has evaluated the options for new trucks routes and has determined the best route is to have trucks use Main Street from Highway 160 to Empire Avenue and then use Empire Avenue to Laurel Road, back to Main Street to access the eastern part of the community. This will also allow easy access to Delta Road and beyond.

In addition, with the construction of Highway 160 to the Highway 4 interchange ramps that are currently underway and slated to be complete by fall 2015, there will be direct access from East 18th Street (a truck route) in Antioch, to Highways 160 and 4, which will bring a direct connection to Laurel Road. Staff also recommends that Laurel Road from Highway 4 to Empire Avenue be designated a "Through Truck Route".

The above new route will take the truck traffic off of Main Street in the downtown area and will help in creating a better and safer traffic flow along Main Street in Oakley.

Fiscal Impact

The cost to install new "Through Truck Route" signage will be under \$500 and will be covered in the Public Works Department operations budget.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the changing of the City of Oakley Truck Route Ordinance to reflect the new "Through Truck Route" for the City.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY AMENDING SECTION 6.1.306
OF THE OAKLEY MUNICIPAL CODE, DEALING WITH TRUCK ROUTES**

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

Section 1. Section 6.1.306 of the Oakley Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.1.306 Through Truck Route Established.

- a. The streets listed in the schedule below are declared to be through truck routes for the movement of trucks.
- b. The City Council determines under the authority of Vehicle Code Sec. 35701(b) that the posting of appropriate signs as "Through Truck Route" is the method of designation which will best serve to give notice of this section. This section is effective when appropriate signs are erected as indicated.

SCHEDULE OF TRUCK ROUTES

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Location</u>
Main Street	Highway 160 to Empire Avenue
Empire Avenue	Main Street to Laurel Road
Laurel Road	Highway 4 to Main Street

Section 2. Effective Date and Publication.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage. The City Clerk shall cause the ordinance to be published within fifteen (15) days after its passage in a newspaper of general circulation, or by publishing a summary of the proposed ordinance, posting a certified copy of the proposed ordinance in the City Clerk's Office at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting at which the ordinance is to be adopted, and within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, publishing a summary of the ordinance with the names of the Council Members voting for and against the ordinance.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted with the reading waived at a regular meeting of the Oakley City Council on _____, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Randy Pope, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date

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