



Interregional Truck Operations on I-5 / SR 99 and STAA Truck Route Improvement Project

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I-5 / SR 99 Freight Truck Route Study

- The project is collaborative action between the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), Caltrans District 3, and Caltrans District 10 with outreach efforts funding by the Caltrans Public Engagement Contract.





The Project's Primary Purposes

- Address STAA freight truck route planning process and issues to facilitate consistent processes for State and local requirements and regulations.



Truck photo from photosearch.com

- Outreach intends to provide information about these freight truck route decisions to communities that may be impacted.





I-5 / SR 99 Freight Truck Route Study

- Some highway trailers (48'-53') are legal to use on I-5 and SR 99 but may provide hazards on other local roadways.





The Situation



- These trucks may present hazards if operated on local roads.
- To avoid hazards, a system of control has been established that allows State and/or local agencies to provide special authorization before such trailers can be operated on local roadways.
- A special application must be submitted to request the authorization of local roads to allow passage for this equipment.
- Sometimes this authorization must be awarded by both state and local jurisdictions.





The Situation



- Sometimes this authorization must be awarded by both state and local jurisdictions.
- The current problem is inconsistent interpretation and enforcement.
 - Largely ignored throughout the state.
 - Sacramento and San Joaquin counties began ticketing.
 - State versus local approval.
- Impacts could be significant.





Authorized Route Signage

- Where approval has been obtained, the routes are identified at freeway interchanges in two ways:

1. Terminal Access – STAA trucks may travel on State highways that exhibit this “T” sign to pick-up or deliver cargo.
2. Service Access – STAA trucks may travel within a one mile radius from interchanges identified with an “S” sign to obtain services such as food, fuel, lodging, or repairs.





FREIGHT TRUCK ROUTE STUDY

Finding Map Information

Maps showing these routes are accessible on Caltrans' website at:

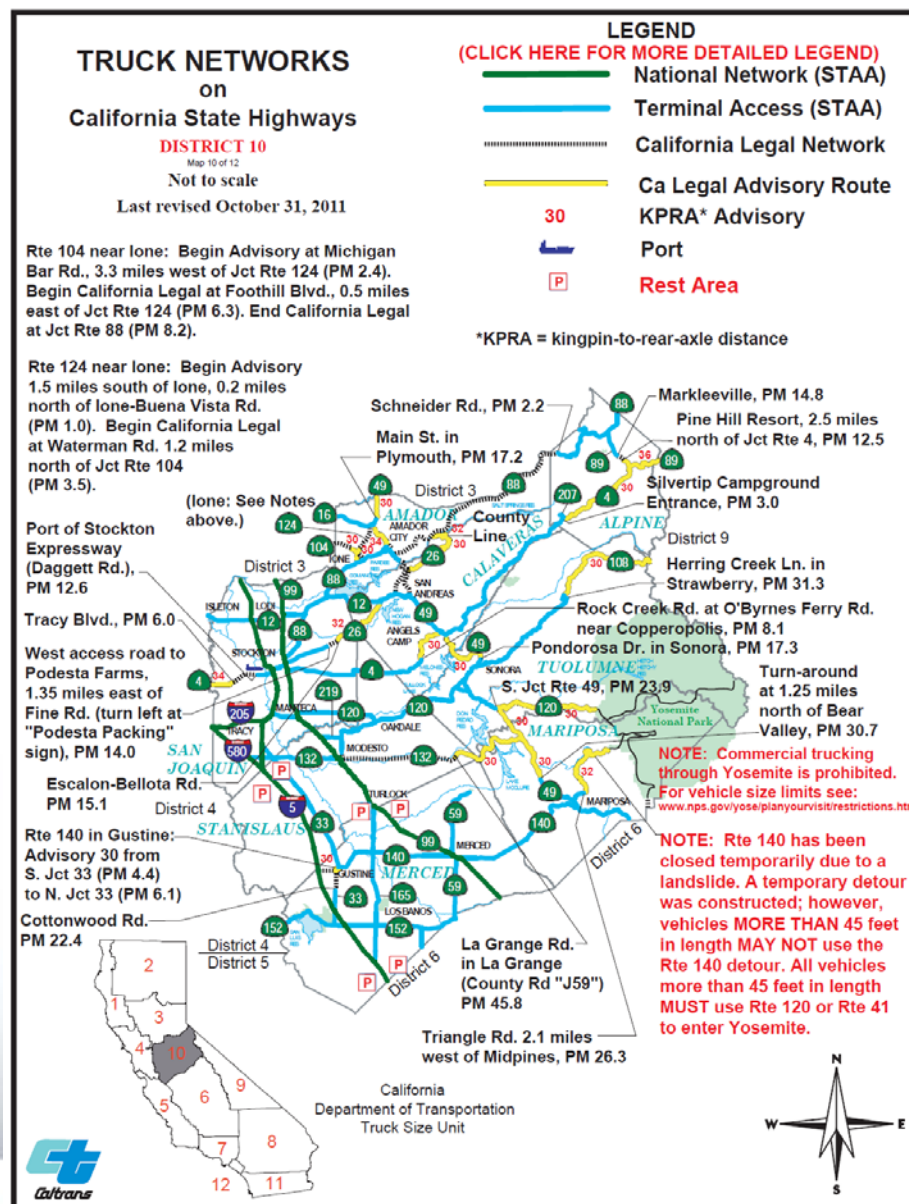
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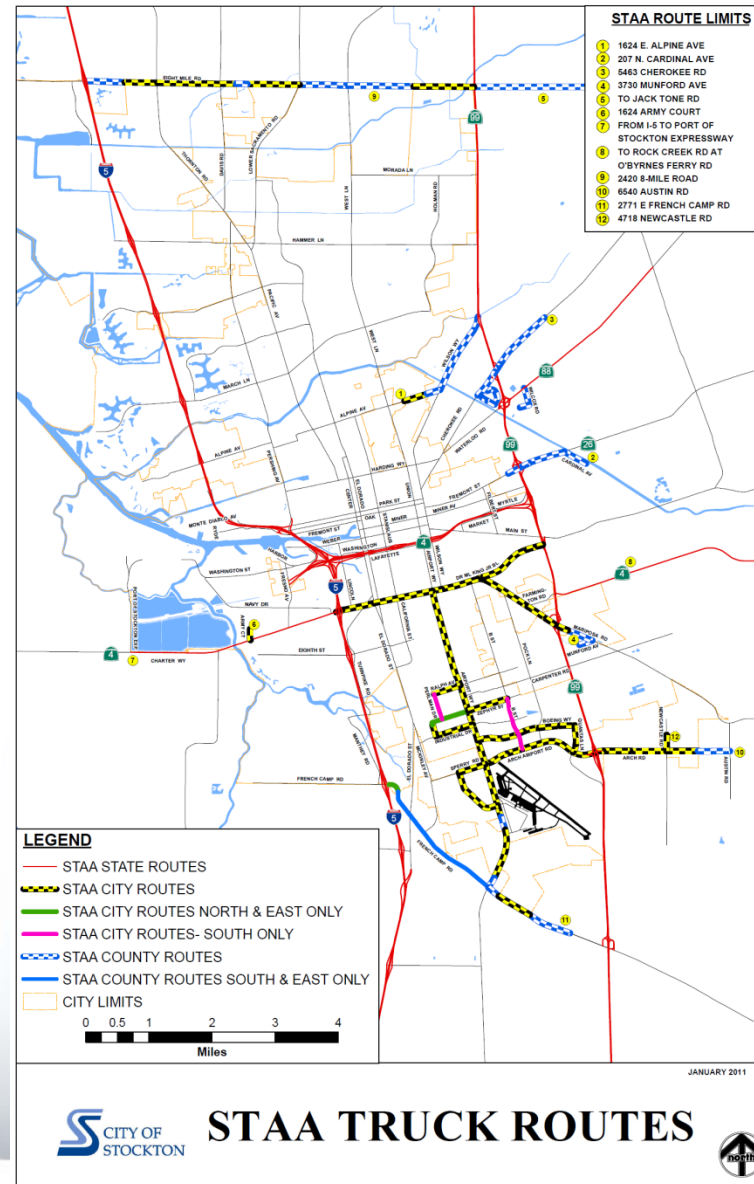
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Some Project and Outreach Goals

- ✓ Addressing consistency issues
- ✓ Instances of where additional routes may be needed
- ✓ Where improvements are needed before approval can be obtained
- ✓ A measure of the awareness of this special application to operate these specific trailers
- ✓ A sense of where the public would look to try to find out more about these issues
- ✓ The nature and extent of impacts associated with STAA sized truck combinations along state, county and local roads on the community
- ✓ The extent to which such routes are confusing or incomplete





Why are Government Agencies Reaching Out?

Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898

- Civil Rights Act 1964
- Exec. Order 12898
- Caltrans Public Engagement

STAA Truck Freight Route Issues

- STAA Routes
 - Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982
 - National Network – NN
 - Terminal Access: “T”
 - Service Access: “S”



Knowledge and Participation

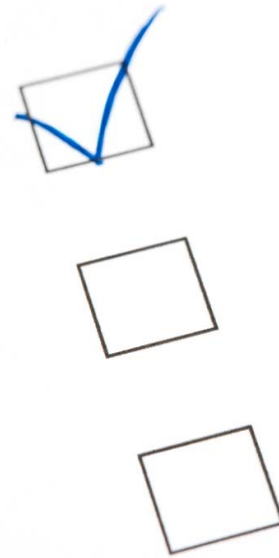
- Be aware of these issues in your local area and report impacts.
- What the community learns here will provide some basis and guidance for future participation





Public Awareness Goals

- Surveys will be taken at a number of community events.
- Public education provides knowledge and continuing participation in public matters.



Questions?

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