

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 30, 2004

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENCING A STUDY ESTABLISHING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND BIG-RIG AND COMMERCIAL SERVICE TRUCK PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADWAYS

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Transportation Director to solicit proposals from qualified professionals for the purpose of commencing a study to guide the County in establishing commercial vehicle weight restrictions and big-rig and commercial service truck parking restrictions on County maintained roadways.

BACKGROUND:

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) projects that big-rig truck traffic in the Southern California region will likely double by the year 2015. This increase will place an enormous strain on unincorporated roadways in terms of both parking and traffic. Unfortunately, the establishment of weight restrictions and truck routes on County-maintained roads is controlled by state law.

Restricting big-rig access and parking in residential areas is problematic because truck drivers often purchase homes on larger lots (1/2 acre and above) so that they can park on or near their property for increased convenience and security. Unfortunately, parking of such vehicles on residential streets creates a safety and site-distance hazard for pedestrians and automobiles using the streets. Restricting access and parking of these vehicles in residential neighborhoods is only part of the solution. Truckers must be provided alternative places to park.

My office has met with the California Trucker's Association regarding potential solutions to the problem, including the development of a secured overnight parking facility in my district. Such a facility would give truck drivers a local alternative to parking in their yards or on residential streets. This option does not appear to be popular with truckers due to fears that their valuable cargo may be stolen and because they would have to pay a monthly fee to use the facility.

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Riverside County Transportation staff does not have the expertise or time to concentrate on a solution to this growing problem. Therefore, it is important that we move forward immediately to address this issue through an independent study, in cooperation with the State transportation authorities and the CHP, who has the responsibility for enforcing any new laws that result from this effort.