

# City of New Braunfels, Texas

# **Legislation Text**

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#### SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance 75-10 of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to prohibit through truck traffic on California Boulevard and Lakeview Boulevard.

### **BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:**

Council Districts: 3 and 4

City Council approved with a vote of six in favor and one opposed the first reading of the ordinance amending Ordinance 75-10 of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to prohibit through truck traffic on California Boulevard and Lakeview Boulevard.

The Engineering Division received a request from a citizen that lives on California Boulevard to establish a No Thru Truck restriction on California Boulevard from Loop 337 to Lakeview Boulevard and on Lakeview Boulevard from California Boulevard to East Klingemann Street. The chief complaints were due to use of these roadways for construction traffic traveling from Loop 337 to the new Eden Hill construction on Lakeview Boulevard and the NBU Headwaters at the Comal project.

Thru truck restrictions apply to any truck that is traveling on these roadways not bound for a destination along either California Boulevard or Lakeview Boulevard. Delivery or service trucks driving to a destination along this route are not prohibited from these roads because they are not through traffic.

Large trucks traveling through residential areas are discouraged due to safety and roadway constraints; however, city staff did not observe issues that would be addressed with the proposed truck restriction on California Boulevard and Lakeview Boulevard. Additionally, city staff spoke with contractors' drivers at both construction projects and requested that the trucks utilize River Road to travel to their projects from Loop 337 instead of traveling through a more densely populated residential area. It appeared that most trucks utilized River Road based on follow up observations.

If City Council is in favor of restricting truck traffic in this area, staff recommends that the restriction be placed on California Boulevard from Loop 337 to Lakeview Boulevard.

#### ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

2006 Comprehensive Plan: Transportation Goal 21: Provide a system of convenient and safe transportation facilities through comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation system planning and development.

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Traffic control signs cost approximately \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY16-17 approved Public Works budget.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

This item was presented to the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board at their meeting on July 13, 2017. The board did not recommend approval of restricting through truck traffic on California Boulevard between Loop 337 and Lakeview Boulevard, and on Lakeview Boulevard between California Boulevard and East Klingemann Street on a motion that carried unanimously.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff does not recommend approval of restricting through truck traffic on California Boulevard between Loop 337 and Lakeview Boulevard, and on Lakeview Boulevard between California Boulevard and East Klingemann Street.