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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2025
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: David Garcia, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: (Introduce/Waive further reading) An Ordinance adding Section 16.03.235 to the Nevada County Code to Restrict Vehicle Lengths on Certain County Roads – All Districts

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and waive further reading of the attached Ordinance adding Section 16.03.235 to the Nevada County Code to restrict vehicle lengths on certain County roads, and specifically, at this time, truck traffic on Coyote Street to a maximum length of 23 Feet.

FUNDING: There is no impact to the General Fund, and no budget amendment is needed. Installation of new truck restriction signs will be completed using the 2025/26 road maintenance budget.

BACKGROUND: The Public Works Department proposes to increase safety on Coyote Street by restricting truck traffic to a maximum length of 23 feet. Trucks larger than this cannot negotiate curves on Coyote Street while staying in their lane.

North Bloomfield Road at the traffic signal on Highway 49 is an alternate route for large trucks. This route is only 1,000 feet west of Coyote Street.

Signs are proposed on North Bloomfield Road, Coyote Street and Highway 49 to inform drivers of the truck restriction.

The City of Nevada City Public Works Department is in support of the proposed Coyote Street truck restriction.

The southern 330 feet of Coyote Street lies within the City of Nevada City limits and the Caltrans right-of-way. To place signs alerting drivers to the truck restriction in this area of Coyote Street and on Highway 49 approaching Coyote Street, a Caltrans encroachment permit is required.

A condition of the Caltrans encroachment permit is a specific County Ordinance restricting truck traffic to a maximum length of 23 feet on Coyote Street.

Although, at this time, the Department of Public Works is only proposing to restrict the length of truck traffic on Coyote Street, this proposed Ordinance would reserve a section of the Nevada County Code for any additional future vehicle length restrictions that might be required county-wide.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance adding Section 16.03.235 to the Nevada County Code to Restrict Vehicle Lengths on Certain County Roads – All Districts
2. Plans - Coyote Street Truck Restriction Signs
3. Email from Brian McAlister, City Engineer, City of Nevada City

Item Initiated by: Richard Poole, Assistant Engineer

Approved by: David Garcia, Director of Public Works