

ORDINANCE NO. 769

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
ESTABLISHING A NEW TRUCK ROUTE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10.62-
TRUCK ROUTES OF TITLE 10-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
OF THE SOLEDAD MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code Section 35701 of the California Vehicle Code allows local authorities, by ordinance, to designate street segments on which commercial trucks must travel to reduce the impact of truck traffic in residential neighborhoods and other sensitive areas and minimizing damage to streets and related improvements; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2022, based on authority set forth in Vehicle Code Section 35701, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 745- “Adding New Chapter 10.62 Truck Routes to Title 10-Vehicles and Traffic of the Soledad Municipal Code and Establishing a Truck Route” which provided the City Council with the ability to establish new truck routes in the City. At the same time Ordinance No. 745 was adopted, the Council also established a New Truck Route in the City based on a recommendation from the former city engineer; and

WHEREAS, since the time of the adoption of the New Truck Route, City Staff, truck operators, school officials and members of the public have expressed concerns with the new route; and

WHEREAS, based on the above-referenced concerns, Public Works staff engaged the City’s on-call Traffic Engineer, TL Engineering, to re-evaluate the New and Old Truck Routes. TL Engineering performed a thorough review of both the New and Old Truck Routes considering six (6) criteria and determined the following:

- Total length and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): the Old Truck Route is shorter and represents fewer Vehicle Miles Traveled for users, thus reducing the impact of truck traffic on City streets.
- Collision Data: there were fewer collisions along the Old Truck Route, indicating that it is a safer route.
- Presence of schools: there are fewer schools along the Old Truck Route.
- Presence of safety measures: there are more existing safety measures along the Old Truck Route.
- Turning movements: minor improvements at the East Street/Metz Road/North Street roundabout can be made to better facilitate truck turning movements.
- Truck route signage: the Old Truck Route will require less signage; and

WHEREAS, based on the aforesaid input and findings, the City’s Contract Interim City Engineer and City Staff are recommending that the City reestablish the Old Truck Route as the new official truck route in the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Soledad City Council as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Truck Route. The truck route depicted on “**Exhibit A**” hereto, which has been recommended for adoption by the Interim City Engineer and is incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted as the Official Soledad Truck Route. The Interim City Engineer is directed to add the route to the City’s List of Truck Routes. The only other route currently on this list shall be removed and of no further effect.

Section 2. CEQA Compliance. The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, based on 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that the establishment of a truck route on existing streets within the City, part of a circulation system that has been previously analyzed and approved by City action and is currently in use for vehicular transportation, creates no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first day following adoption.

This ordinance was introduced and read on the 15th day of May 2024 and was finally adopted on the 15th day of June 2024, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Cabrera, Corralejo, Ansaldo-Sánchez, Velazquez

NOES, Councilmembers: None

ABSENT, Councilmembers: None

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None


ANNA M. VELAZQUEZ, Mayor

ATTEST:


MEGAN HUNTER, City Clerk

