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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Bowlin and City Council Members

From: Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: August 11, 2023

Re: Old State Road Update

Large Truck Traffic on Old State Road

Earlier this year, it was requested that the Department contact the St. Louis County Department of Transportation and Public Works to request the restriction of large trucks on Old State Road, which is a County maintained arterial road. In response the Department reached out to the Transportation and Public Works Director, Ms. Stephanie Leon Streeter, in April with this request. As was provided at the May meeting of the City council, I have attached an email response from Ms. Leon Streeter, regarding the potential to restrict Old State Road, between Route 109 to Old Fairway Drive, to large trucks.

The County position, as stated in the email, is that “Old State Road is an important route on the Arterial Road System in the West County area, and as such, is intended to carry all types of traffic. It is the policy of St. Louis County to not limit types of traffic on an arterial road without careful consideration. Given the low crash history for large trucks, we will continue to allow all commercial traffic to use Old State Road”. It should be noted that this response is consistent with prior County policy when this issue was previously raised.

MoDOT/St. Louis County Safety Improvement Project

Also, as previously referenced at City Council meetings, St. Louis County has partnered with MoDOT on an upcoming project to improve safety on State and County roads. The Safety Improvements Project is being developed to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes in the St. Louis District for pedestrians and other roadway users. This project will involve work on MoDOT routes within the city of St. Louis, St. Louis County and Jefferson County. It will also include work on St. Louis County roads. The following are the project goals:

- Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes within the budget of \$49 million (MoDOT and County).
- Maximize safety improvements for pedestrians and roadway users distributed equitably across the project area.
- Provide improvements with reasonable maintenance and service life.
- Construct improvements with an emphasis on safety for workers and the traveling public.
- Deliver the project by June 30, 2026 using a diverse workforce.

The project is structured as a design-build effort, whereby MoDOT and the County will select one team to design and construct the improvements. The process of selecting a team is in progress, and two teams have been shortlisted to further develop their proposals on the project:

- Gershenson Construction Co., Inc. teamed with Wilson & Company and Bartlett & West
- West Contracting Co. teamed with Horner & Shifrin, Lochmueller Group, Engineering Design Services Inc.

The teams' proposals will be due in December and the Best Value Proposer will be selected in early January 2024. The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2026. The overall budget for the project is \$49 million, however, only \$3 million is allocated for St. Louis County roads.

I will be available for questions regarding this information at the August 10, 2023, meeting of the City Council.

RCB

From: [Leon Streeter, Stephanie](#)
To: [Rick Brown](#)
Cc: [Pierce, Ryan](#); [Kulesa, Joseph](#); [Thomas Lee](#)
Subject: RE: Truck restriction on Old State
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 1:53:21 PM

Rick:

According to State Statute, Saint Louis County may establish an Arterial Road System to provide a connected road network serving all regional motorists. Therefore, Saint Louis County is authorized to designate arterial roads which pass through unincorporated and municipal areas on the Arterial Road System. By definition, arterial roads are commercial routes which are intended to move not only passenger vehicles, but also allow trucks to carry goods and promote commerce throughout the County. Old State Road, between Old Fairway Drive and Route 109, is designated by Saint Louis County as an arterial road on the ARS.

Arterial roads within Saint Louis County provide the following functions:

- Are major secondary transportation routes recognized by the State to be an important part of a regional transportation network.
- Carry traffic between State roads, Interstate highways, and other arterial roads to connect municipalities and unincorporated areas.
- Provide a way to school and work, a link to commerce, routes for emergency vehicles, and a means by which drivers on minor streets can access other primary routes and freeways.
- Pass through residential, commercial, and industrial areas to play a vital role in the safe, efficient, and economical movement of people, goods, and services throughout the region.

A review of reported crash data revealed one crash involving a semi-tractor-trailer on Old State Road for the 21-year period from 2002 to the present. This incident resulted in minor property damage only. This crash history is considered low. Also note that a truck restriction would not typically apply to dump trucks or concrete trucks as they are much shorter than tractor trailers.

In summary, Old State Road is an important route on the Arterial Road System in the West County area, and as such, is intended to carry all types of traffic. It is the policy of St. Louis County to not limit types of traffic on an arterial roads without careful consideration. Given the low crash history for large trucks, we will continue to allow all commercial traffic to use Old State Road.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Leon Streeter

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Subject: [External Email] RE: Truck restriction on Old State

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Stephanie:

This possibility of restricting large trucks (tractor trailers) on Old State Road was raised by one of our City Council members at the March meeting of the City Council.

Will the County consider restricting Old State Road from large trucks such as tractor trailers, between Route 109 to Old Fairway Drive?

If you are interested, this topic was brought up at about 3:00:00 in the meeting, which is recorded here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/9J22Ta5LrIY?feature=share>

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Rick Brown, PE
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City of Wildwood

From: Leon Streeter, Stephanie <SLeonStreeter@stlouiscountymo.gov>
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Subject: Truck restriction on Old State

Hi Rick!

I received your message. If you will be good enough to provide me your request for a truck restriction, including size of truck and limits on Old State, I will respond to you.

Thanks.

Stephanie Leon Streeter, P.E.

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